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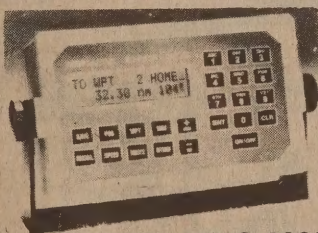
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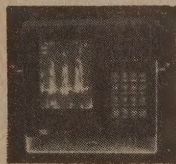
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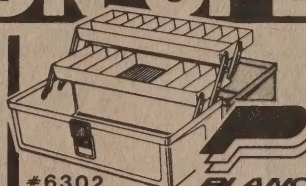
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ABOUT THE COVER:

Flounder fishing is moving into full swing around much of the island after a generally slow start. If you are planning to spend some time chasing flatties this spring, there are three articles in this week's issue that should improve your chances of scoring. Dick Mermon snapped this photo of Ronnie Bauer, owner of Hudson Point Fishing Station, admiring a husky spring flatie.

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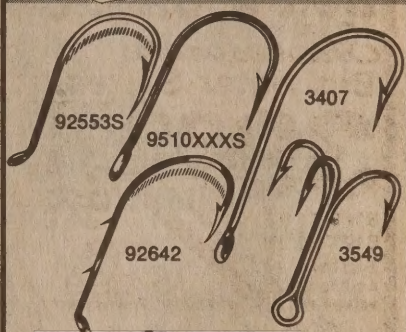
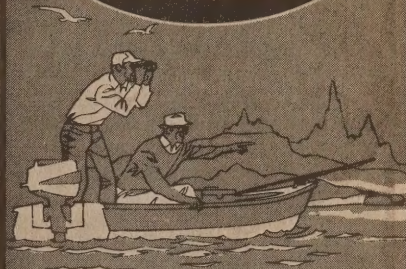
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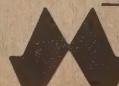
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A club coed luncheon is set for March 19th at Porky's Restaurant, Greenport, at which time the award plaques for 1986 winners in the specific classified fish categories, will be presented.

STRIPER SURF CLUB OPEN HOUSE

The Striper Surf Club will be holding an open house meeting, at the Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square on April 13th. Anyone interested in attending should call Nick Schiralli at (516) 531-7434 for information and directions. An educational class and a film are scheduled.

SEARS BOATING CATALOG

Innovative electric motors, including the first horsepower rated models and a wireless DieHard, are among the highlights of Sears new 1987/88 "Boating and Fishing Catalog."

The 72-page catalog also has expanded lines of boats, depth locators and fishing tackle, as well as a general selection of fishing and boating needs ranging from bilge pumps to fuel tanks and rainwear to water skis.

Minn Kota's new horsepower rated electrics include a four horsepower model that delivers 64 pounds of thrust from two 12-volt batteries. A single battery, three horsepower model provides 45 pounds of thrust.

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A new top of the line, twin cylinder Gamefisher engine is water cooled for quiet operation. It has king-pin steering, full forward, neutral and reverse gears, a streamlined, low profile head and comes with a 6 gallon fuel tank.

Gamefisher boats and trailer also look different. They are now color and graphic coordinated for matched rigs. Semi-vee, jon and tri-hull boats are offered in 10 to 14 foot models with aluminum alloy hulls, skid resistant painted interiors and riveted seams and rib braces.

New in the catalog are inflatables by Free Spirit, Sevylor and Bombard. The Bombard B-2 has a rigid wooden keel, metal-reinforced wood transom,

marine plywood floor and a wind-shield.

Depth locators have been expanded to some 20 models from Humminbird, Ray Jefferson and Eagle. For more efficient fishing, Humminbird's LCR 4-ID identifies fish and displays them in red on a 3 by 4 inch screen. Larger fish appear in darker red shades. All other underwater terrain and objects show up in black.

Another catalog highlight is eight pages of fishing tackle, including rods, reels, boxes, lures and other gear. The selection ranges from combinations to individual items like Daiwa's Whisker Tournmaent SS reel with a unique long-stroke spool, Sigma's lightweight Mag-Lite bait-caster, Samurai graphite rods and black Phantom tackle boxes with a high-tech, attache-case design.

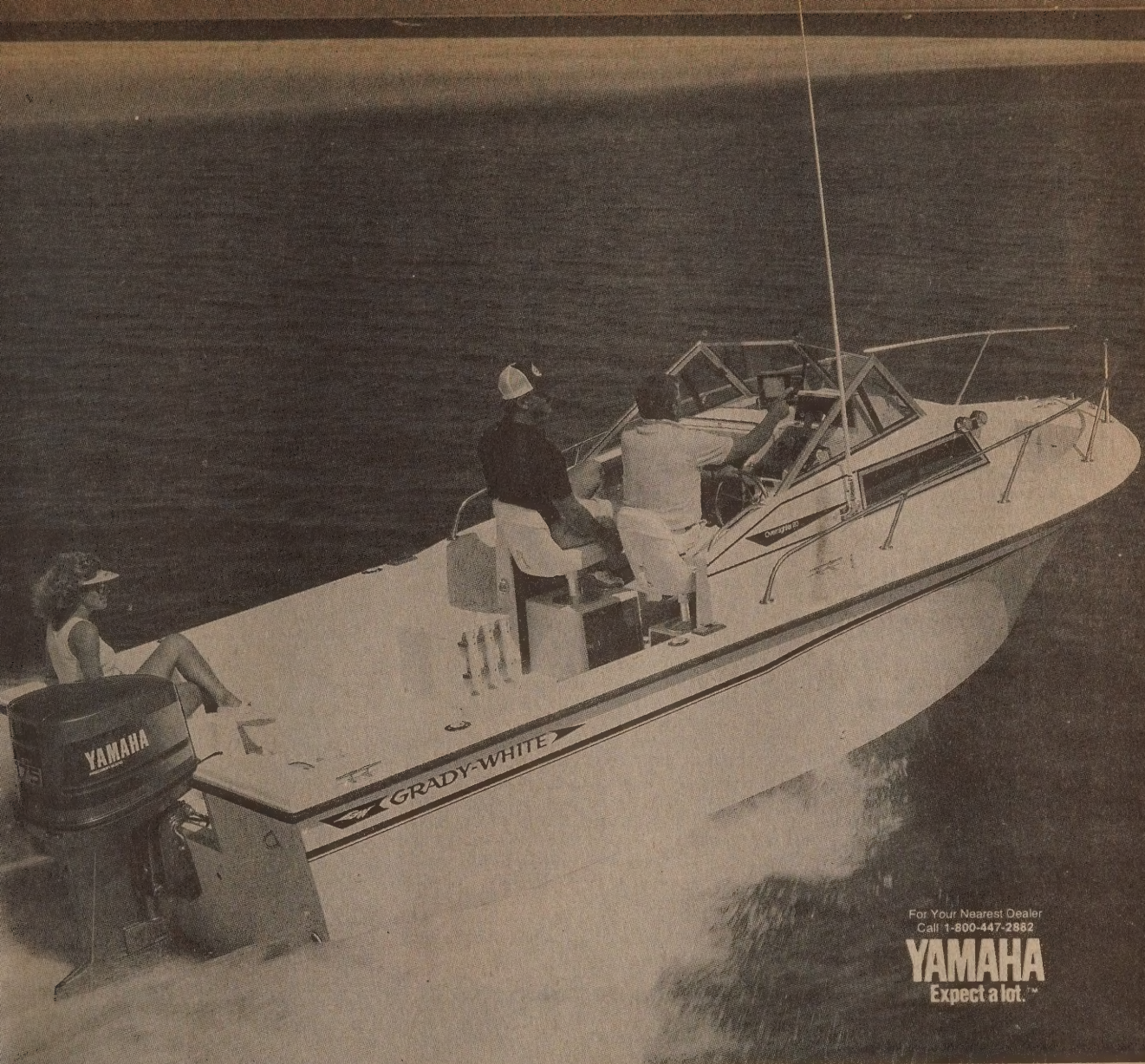
FIRST ANNUAL LONG ISLAND SOUND AWARENESS CONFERENCE

The First Annual Long Island Sound Awareness Conference will be held on Saturday, April 4th at Challenger Hall, Marine Sciences Research Center, State University of New York in Stony brook. The conference will be held from 11:30AM to 4PM and has been specifically designed to inform the public of pertinent environmental issues.

The objectives of this new annual conference are: to study man's relationship to his environment, to increase public awareness of the problems facing the Long Island Sound ecosystem and to promote individual interest in the preservation of this great natural resource.

Richard Caspe, PE, Director of the Water Management Division, EPA, Region II will present the key note address "An Overview of the Long Island Sound Study." In addition, the first environmental awards presentation will be made by Long Island Sound America in the categories of Government, Industry and Research, Media, Community, Education, Individual and Youth. These awards are only given once to a particular individual or group. Award recipients are selected from submitted nominations and are evaluated on the basis of outstanding achievement.

A panel discussion will follow moderated by Gordon Colvin. Panelists include: Hank Bokuniewicz, Associate Professor, SUNY, "A Brief Geological Study of Long Island Sound"; Paul Stacey, Senior Environmental Analyst, Connecticut DEP, "Toxics"; Barbara Welsh, Associate Professor, University of Connecticut, "Eutrophication" and Fran Flanigan, Public Education Director, Citizen's Program for the Chesapeake Bay, "Long Island Sound and the



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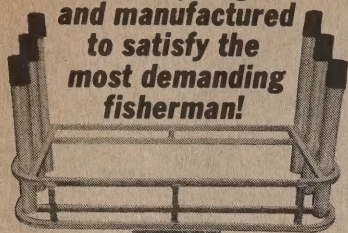
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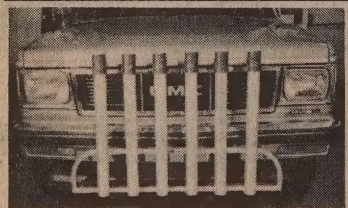
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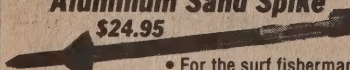


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FISH AMERICA FUNDS LONG ISLAND PROJECT

The FishAmerica Board of Directors approved 11 new grants totaling just over \$50,000 at their January 13, 1987 meeting. This brings the total grants awarded since FishAmerica's beginning in August, 1983 to over \$450,000 through 77 projects in 28 states and 3 Canadian provinces. Expenses for the administration of the Foundation have run well below 9 percent since its inception, leaving 91 cents out of every dollar available for project funding.

Awarded at the January meeting was a grant to Nassau Parks and Recreation (Hempstead, NY) for involvement in urban fishing project through purchase and stocking for an 8 acre urban lake recently rejuvenated and under a new management plan.

For more information, contact FishAmerica Foundation, 1010 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Suite 100, Washington, DC 20001; (202) 898-0869.

YAMAHA'S TOURNAMENT BONUS PROGRAM

Florida passed Texas this past year with 25 wins as the state producing the most wins in Yamaha Outboards' 1986 Tournament Bonus Program. The program, which continues in 1987, pays \$1000 cash bonuses to Yamaha Outboard owners who win fishing tournaments while using their motors. So far, the company has paid \$339,500 in bonuses to 373 owners in just two years.

Every year, Yamaha's Tournament Headquarters compiles angling information from the winners in the program giving a statistical peek at what's going on with fishing tournaments across the country.

"What we're really created is the world's largest fishing tournament for our owners," said Ham Hamberger, senior vice president. "Our program supports our customers doing what they like to do. And the \$1,000 Tournament Bonus adds a little extra excitement regardless of the other prizes offered."

Yamaha paid \$194,000 in bonuses this year. Since some owners won several times, the statistics given

deal with the number of tournament wins, rather than the number of winners. Florida not only produced the most wins, it produced the most tournaments with 28. Indiana was next with 18 wins, then Texas with 16, Missouri 12, Kentucky 10, Georgia 10, Ohio 7 and Arkansas 7. Altogether, wins were recorded in 36 states including Hawaii. Curiously, Michigan, the state with the most boats, recorded only 5 wins.

Although 194 bonuses were paid, 6,520 tournaments met eligibility criteria. Of these tournaments, 5,746 were circuit tournaments, and 774 were locally sponsored events. Of the organized circuits, U.S. BASS accounts for 14 wins, B.A.S.S. 10 wins, Military Bass/Grand National 8 wins, and Red Man 6 wins. Locally sponsored tournaments accounted for 130 of the wins.

More information on the Tournament Bonus Program may be obtained from any Yamaha Outboard dealer or by writing Yamaha Tournament Headquarters, Box 30595, Phoenix, AZ 85046. For the location of the nearest dealer, call toll free 1-800-447-2882.

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A 12 week course given by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 13-03 includes rules of the road, charts and compass, weather, radio telephone, marlin-spike, seamanship, boat handling and marine engines.

It will be held in Island Park, starting Monday, March 30th, 8 to 10 PM at the Lincoln Oren Junior High School. In Long Beach, classes start Tuesday, March 31st, 8 to 10 PM at the Long Beach Middle School.

A Young Boaters Course will be held at Island Park, Lincoln Oren Jr. H.S. Classes start Monday, March 30th, 8 to 10 PM.

There will be a minimum charge for text book, no charge for course and no charge for text book in Young Boaters course.

For further information, call Julie Sanchez, (516) 889-7016.

TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Braid Products is now taking reservations for a 16 Day Long Range Fishing Trip for giant yellowfin tuna and wahoo on the fabulous Polaris Supreme sailing from San Diego, California.

Dennis Braid would like to invite his East Coast fishing friends on the trip to the Clarion and Socorro Islands aboard this well appointed long range clipper. The quarry is BIG yellowfins, over 200 lbs. and lots of giant wahoo. The number of anglers is strictly limited and reservations are being taken on a first come, first serve basis.

The trip will depart Fisherman's Landing on November 9th and make the trip to the islands. At the completion of the fishing, everyone will fly home. Cost is \$2500 per person and a

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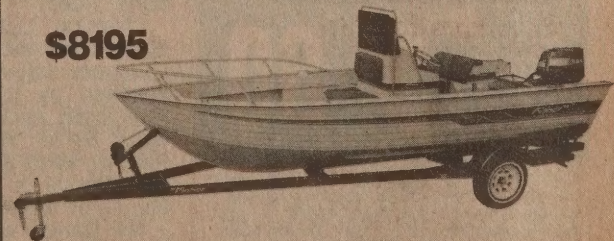
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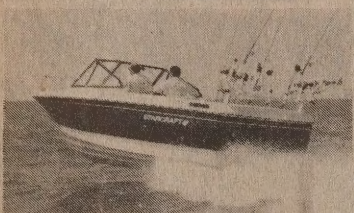
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ATLANTIS ANGLERS ANNOUNCES THEIR 11TH ANNUAL INTERCLUB TOURNEYS

This invitation is extended to any club that fishes Long Island South Shores from the West End to Smith's Point, at the eastern end of Great South Bay.

The 1987 schedule will be as follows: Flounder, April 25th and 26th; weakfish, May 30th and 31st; fluke, June 27th and 28th. For additional information, please call Bob Brucato after 7PM at (516) 379-3543.

Atlantis Anglers are looking to attract new fishing persons. Call Jay Ebbets for additional information, please, after 7PM at (516) 766-4381. We are a Freeport based club.

NATURAL LIGHT FISHING PROMOTION

The annual epidemic known as "fishing fever" is just around the corner and anglers across the nation are gearing up for spring and summer trips. Natural Light Beer is gearing up for fishing season, too, with an off-premise promotion in April that offers an exciting fishing tips videotape featuring legendary fisherman Bill Dance.

Consumers can order the hour-long "Dance n' Lessons" videotape from brochures posted on fishing-themed point-of-sale materials. Each of the P.O.S. materials—motion and static pole displays, price cards, price banners and cooler stickers—features Bill Dance "reeling in" his instructional video.

"Natural Light Beer is a proud sponsor of the popular 'Bill Dance Outdoors' television show, which is watched by more than 60 million Americans each year," said Natural Light Senior Brand Manager Brian Porter. "With an audience that big, the 'Dance n' Lessons' videotape should be a hot seller."

Bill Dance, who holds 13 national bass titles and twice was named Bass Angler of the Year, has been a Natural Light spokesperson for eight years. In addition to educating novices and experts alike through his television show, Dance is a regular contributor to outdoor magazines and frequently lectures at fishing seminars.

For more information, call: Jeffrey

Davis or George Csolak at (314) 982-1700.

COASTAL PILOTING COURSE

Flotilla 11-5 of the U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla has announced they will render a 6-lesson refresher course which will deal with the physical aspect of beginner's coastal piloting. Students will be taught actual course plotting and all that is necessary to keep the boat on the plotted course. This course is open only to those who can prove that they have completed the Auxiliary's Boating Skills and Seamanship Course or the Auxiliary Sailing and Seamanship course.

The course will be held at the Diamond Point Y.C., which is located in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn and will be presented on Tuesday nights at 8PM, starting on April 28th.

For further information, call Harry Frankel, (718) 266-0552 or write to him at 2069 85th St., Brooklyn, NY 11214.

LEARN HOW TO CATCH WHITE PERCH WITH AL FLEXER

Al Flexer, of Al Feather's Lures, will be conducting a free seminar on the intricacies of white perch fishing at Sunken Meadow State Park on Sunday, April 5th, from 1 to 3 PM. Children are encouraged to attend, but must be accompanied by parent or guardian. The seminar will take place in the southeast corner of Parking Field #3.

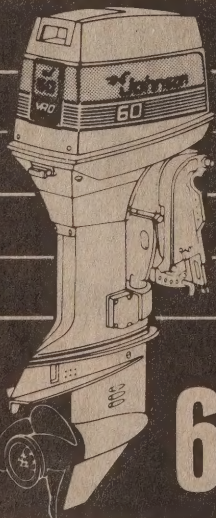
Al is well known for his prowess with white perch, holding several line class records for the species.

CONGRESS TO REAGAN ON CLEAN WATER: "GO AHEAD, MAKE OUR DAY"

The 100th Congress wasted no time in passing reforms to the Clean Water Act, approved last fall but stopped by an eleventh-hour presidential pocket-veto. On just the third day of the 1987 session, the House approved the bill (H.R. 1) once again, and not long after, so did the Senate. The message to the President was unmistakable. If he vetoed the clean water bill another time, as he threatened to do, Congress was ready and willing to override him. Reagan made good on his threat, and so did they. Congress overrode the President's veto by an overwhelming margin.

Action on major legislation so early in a Congressional session is almost unheard of, a fact that underscores the paramount importance Congress places on the new clean water provisions. Among those provisions are several of great importance to marine fisheries, such as a national estuarine management program, recognizing the importance of coastal bays and wetlands to fish, wildlife and recreation; studies of the accumulation of toxics in fish; management of noxious sewage sludge; and pollution abatement in Chesapeake Bay, with emphasis on the effects of pollutants on striped bass.

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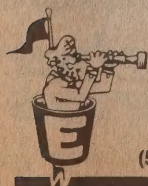


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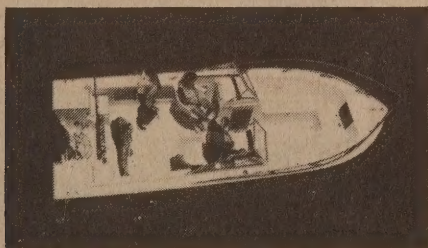
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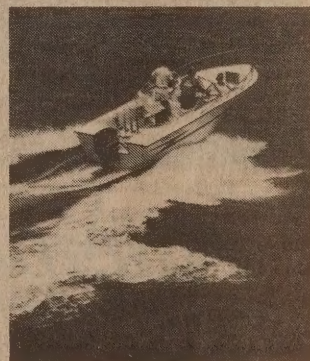
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situations," says Joan Hartung of Charleston, S.C. "Probably the worst was last weekend in seas that would have swamped a lot of boats. With the deep vee and sharp entry of the Hydra-Sports, we were able to run into the waves and lift clean without taking on any water."

Robert Howell particularly likes the 21-degree deadrise on the 2000 DC model: "It is the softest riding family boat I've ever been in. Most family boats tend to be tubby and more flat on the bottom and they pound and get you wet. Not this Hydra-Sports. It stays dry and comfortable even in some pretty bad weather."

"I was hooked on Hydra-Sports after riding in a friend's boat," says Johnny Guidry of Port Arthur, Texas. "It didn't pound, it didn't shiver, it didn't rattle your teeth like other boats. I have a wife and three kids, so we got the 2200 DC. I don't worry about going far offshore now, because even if the weather turns bad, I can zip up the whole boat in canvas and clear vinyl and everybody stays dry."

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Ideal for aluminum fishing boats or smaller fiberglass runabouts measuring 13' to 15' in length, maximum carrying weight is 1250 to 1370 lbs., depending on tire size selected. The large capture area for bow alignment simplifies straight-on loading. Launching from shallow ramps is a breeze so no time is wasted getting under way.

The attractive appearance will last and last on this sturdily constructed trailer. The paint is electrostatically applied. Two-stage paint application ensures a baked-on enamel finish that inhibits corrosion, rust and

weathering by the elements. Galvanizing is an available option.

Standard equipment includes winch and cable, safety chains, waterproof taillights, bearing protectors and adjustable running gear.

From Calkins Mfg. Co., P.O. Box 14527, Spokane, WA 99214.

HUMMINBIRD'S LCR 4000

With two strong years behind it, the Humminbird LCR 4000 is rapidly on its way to becoming the best-selling individual depth sounder in history! Fishermen from California to Maine and Canada to Florida are singing praises to its unique, easy to operate features.

Equipped with a high contrast LCD screen that is easy to read any time of the day, the LCR 400 features Humminbird's exclusive Total Screen Update which changes the entire screen to include new information each time a new function is performed. Its advanced microcomputer stores 64,000 bits of information to give the LCR 4000 a three-screen reverse action, allowing the user to scroll the display backwards, plus a stop action control to freeze the display for study.

The popular zoom with 1½ inch per

dot resolution, bottom lock with contour indication, digital depth readout and 75 mile per hour operation, give the LCR 4000 all the features serious fishermen demand. But with its computer controlled automatic operations, it is easy to operate and fun to use.

The LCR 4000 is truly the depth sounder that bridges the gap between flashers and charts!

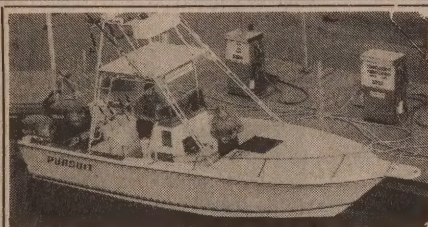
For more information, Techsonic Industries, Inc., 3 Humminbird Lane, Eufaula, AL 36027; (205) 687-6613.

COAST GUARD APPROVED PERSONNEL MARKET LIGHTS

The Cyalume (R) PML is a new, safe chemical light approved by the U.S. Coast Guard for use on life jackets and other personal flotation devices.

When activated, the personal marker light (PML) emits a yellow-green glow which lasts for at least eight hours and is visible up to one mile on clear nights. The PML is a superb emergency light source for life jackets because it is waterproof, windproof, nonflammable and easy to activate.

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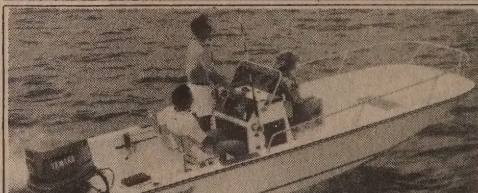
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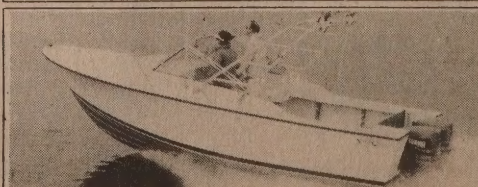
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Other camping and fishing lights available at Cadillac Plastic include: 12-Hour General Purpose Emergency Safety Light, 30-Minute Hi-Intensity Emergency Safety Light System, 12-Hour Red or Blue Safety Lights.

STARCRAFT OFFERS NEW HARDTOP OPTION

Starcraft has redesigned a hardtop for four of its larger aluminum cruisers.

The hardtop is constructed of aluminum and features big windows with windshield wiper and side vents. It is available on the outboard Islander 220V and the I.O models 221V and 261V—all fishing boats. It is also available on the Chieftain 221V pleasure cruiser.

For more information, write: Starcraft, Dept. F., Goshen, IN 46526.

MICROTRAC 2800 FROM IMPULSE TECHNOLOGY

Addressing the needs of anglers who want more in their LCD graphs than just fish finding capabilities, Impulse Technology introduces the Microtrac 2800 with a multi-functional instrument screen.

A second screen mode on the Microtrac 2800 displays a digital depth and speed readout, distance logged and a temperature graph with digital temperature readout. The temperature graph and digital temperature readout plots the water temperature over time, clearly showing where the temperature drops over deep holes or currents, and how far back they are so the angler can easily return.

To guide the new owner, the Microtrac 2800 features a "HELP" screen mode to easily operate the unit, so he can leave the owner's manual in the box.

The fish finding capabilities of the Microtrac 2800 include a totally automatic operation which will track the bottom to any depth with the touch of one key. The one touch zoom feature allows four different zoom functions in six different depth ranges, down to a maximum of 480 feet. A five inch liquid crystal display screen provides high contrast and resolution for clearer, more defined images. The Fineline bottom separation feature enhances targets sitting on the bottom for easy visibility on the screen.

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screen has an overall pixel count of 20,480, with 1,795 pixels per square inch, making it one of the most detailed screen displays available. Pixels are the dots that make up the images on the screen. All the functions of the unit are handled with only 12 keys.

A transom mount, high-speed wedge transducer is featured with an optional portable battery pack available. The portable power pack is ideal for the angler who doesn't own a boat, or wants a unit for fishing trips without taking the boat.

The Microtrac 2800 is backed with Impulse's one year parts and labor warranty.

For more information on the Microtrac 2800 LCD fish finder and digital data display, contact Impulse Technology, 329 Railroad Ave., Pittsburg, CA 04565, or see our local Impulse dealer.

NEW LIGHTWEIGHT LOCKBACKS FROM SCHRADER

Schrader introduces two new lightweight lockbacks: the SP1 Nighthawk and the SP3 Firebird. These knives cut through tough jobs as easily as knives with twice their heft.

Both Nighthawk and Firebird have one piece handles of glass reinforced Zytel. The handles are checkered and contoured to give you a solid comfortable grip to cut through any job. The Nighthawk, with a blade of 1 3/4" weighs 1/2 ounce—that's about half

as much as ordinary lockbacks the same size, the Firebird has a 2 3/4" blade and weighs only 1 1/2 ounces.

The best part is the rust resistant drop point blade of Schrader+ Steel with our exclusive Schrader Edge, a super honed hand finished edge for incredible cutting performance. The Nighthawk has a lock-tight split ring key ring for easy attaching to your key chain, while the Firebird comes with a tough coordinated nylon sheath, and they're guaranteed for life like all our quality Schrader Cutlery products.

For additional information on Schrader's lightweight lockbacks and for a free copy of the Schrader Almanac, write to Schrader Cutlery, Route 209 N., Ellenville, NY 12428.

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Both models are available with a variety of diesel engine options ranging from TAMD-61 to 3208TA Caterpillar engines. Literature, prices and specifications are available by writing to: Mr. Bruce Huppert, National Sales Manager, Runaway Marine Corporation, 101 Route 35 South, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 0842; (201) 295-8088.

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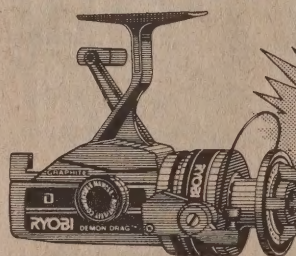
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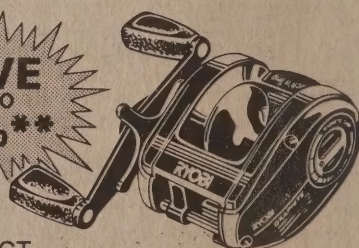
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by Jim White

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When I first saw this boat, I couldn't believe my eyes. It really is beautiful; there's no other way to describe it. Fisher's engineers really must have worked overtime on this new model.

Besides her good looks, she'll run with the best boats on the lake, yet you get the performance and efficiency advantages of an all aluminum hull. Its light hull weight makes it a breeze to trailer to those out of the way tournaments. Launching and retrieving are also a lot easier and less headaches. You get the added advantage of using ramps which are not in the best of condition, which is true of many ramps on back country lakes. The lighter weight allows for easier access in tight spots or in the smaller lakes where larger and heavier boats have a problem.

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Beneath its sleek styling and performance profile, Grey Thunder is all fishing machine. There are padded helm and buddy seats, which are very comfortable to ride in and they will seat three fishermen comfortably for top speed running. Twin pedestal mount, swiveling, cushioned fishing seats allow comfortable casting. For the bow seat, an optional "Pro Pole" with the popular bicycle seat is available in lieu of the standard fishing chair, something which tournament fishermen will appreciate.

The wide sports console has plenty of room for a boat of this size. The new style electronics, which are sleek and compact, would fit nicely on the top of the console in front of the windshield. This is one feature which seemed to be very well thought out by Fisher. The console, even with instruments for the engine installed, is not cluttered and everything is readily visible and reachable by the driver without having to search to find what he's looking for.

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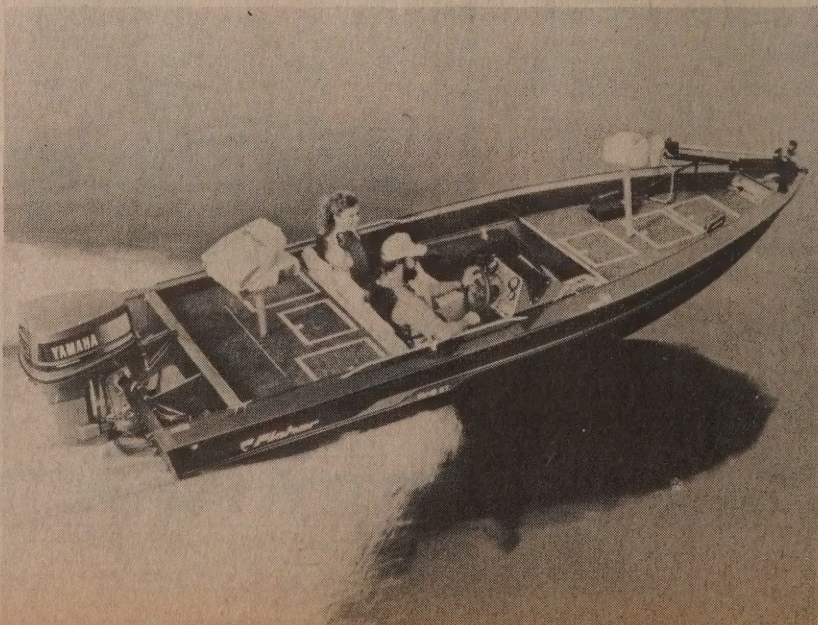
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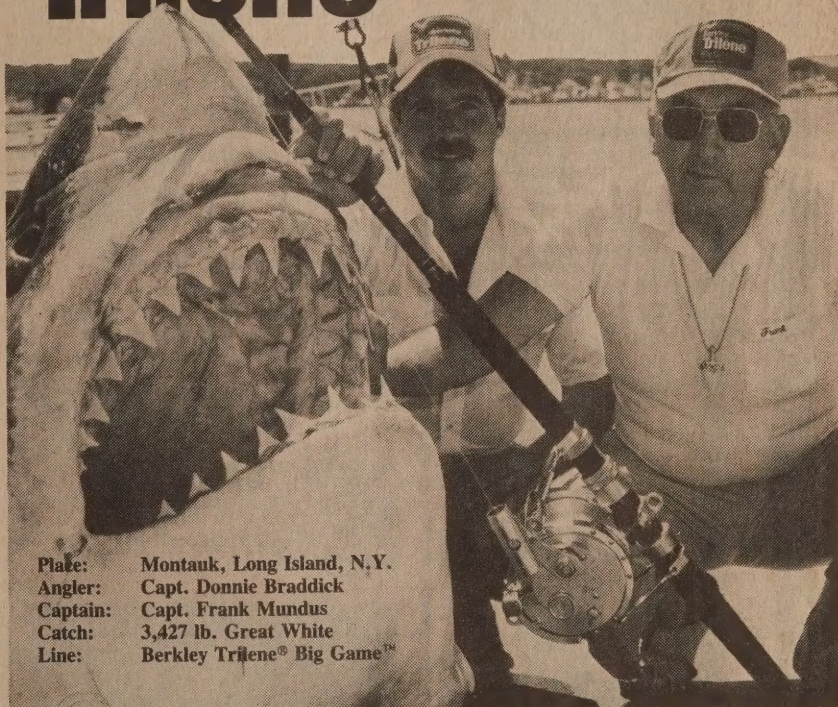
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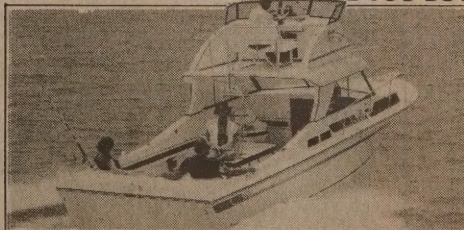
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Product Review INTERNATIONAL II REELS

by Pete Barrett

For many years Penn was the unchallenged master of the big game lever drag reels. Yes, there were the Fin-Nor and Hardy reels, but they were priced so high as to be unavailable to fishermen like you and me. Over the last 30 or so years, Penn Internationals caught literally thousands upon thousands of big game fish and were used everywhere in the world.

Then came the competition with lightweight but strong tubular frame reels and space age drags. The new and innovative overseas reels were good and Penn's design team had to take a hard look at their famous, but now challenged line of International reels. Penn already had several new designs on the drawing boards and in the process of being tested, so it was relatively easy to quickly gear up to introduce their new line of International II reels.

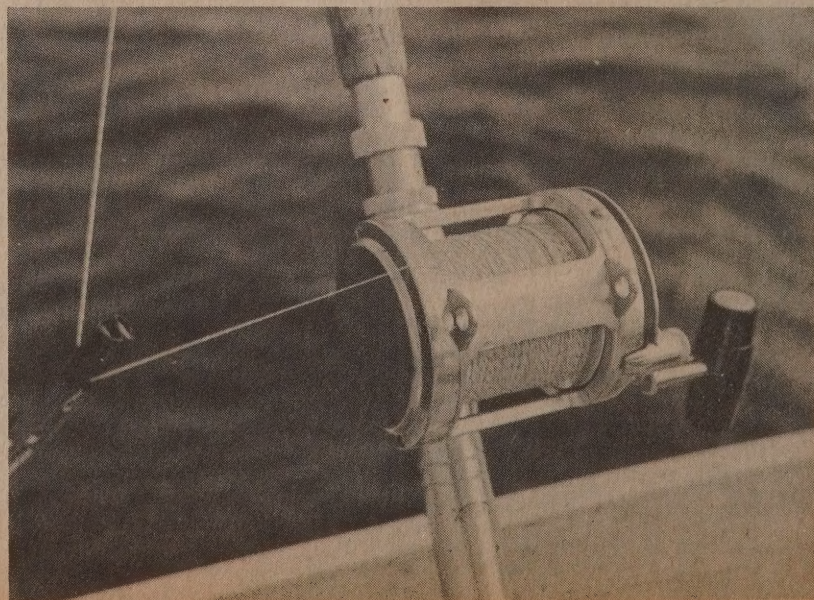
Penn's theory of reel design is one of evolution rather than dynamic, sudden changes. They knew the older Internationals were time tested and proven, so they simply upgraded their previous equipment, relying extensively on the best of the old, modified with the latest of the most modern construction techniques and materials. The result is a new series of reels that at a fast glance looks very much like the older versions, but which, on close inspection, show unique changes.

The major change was the switch to a tubular style frame machined from a single piece of aluminum. This not only makes the reels lighter in weight, but they are also much stronger than the original Internationals with the chromed posts that supported and joined the two side plates.

From a service viewpoint, the new reels are far easier to disassemble for lube and cleaning since there are less parts to worry about. While I never experienced this problem, I heard other fishermen say that screws in the posts would come loose while fishing. Now that the posts are gone, there are no post screws to come loose.

The new tubular style reels are labeled with the suffix "T" after the reel number, such as 80T, 80TW, 50T, 50TW, 30TW and 12T. Penn will be adding new International II models to the series each year until all the Internationals are replaced with the newer "T" reels.

The "T" versions also sport a much stronger reel foot than the older models. The new machined aluminum reel foot fits more snugly into the universally used AFTCO aluminum Uni-Butts seen on virtually every big game rod built today, including trolling style and stand-up style rods, factory built or custom built. With the older reel foot, under extreme pres-



sure and a very tight drag, it was possible to twist the metal frame. The new foot, with its improved design and increased strength, will not twist even under the hard battle of a big fish.

The drags have been upgraded, too. Like every other manufacturer, Penn will not disclose what the new drag material is made of, preferring to keep this a secret to themselves. It is, however, a woven metallic fabric that will withstand extremely high temperatures so it will not fade under long fast runs. The old drags were an asbestos composite and worked fine when dry, but poorly when wet. I've had no drag problems with the "T" reels.

A minor change, but significant, is the upgrade of the click lever which is now held in place with a nylock style lock nut. The clicker can be removed for service and is more durable and louder.

There are other minor changes to accommodate the switch to the tubular frames, but other than what I've just covered, the reels are very similar to old-time Internationals. The aluminum parts are all well anodized in gold, the handles and levers are chrome over brass.

Internally, the reels have the traditional stainless Penn gears, sealed ball bearings to prevent corrosion and a rugged double dog anti-reverse system that is famous for standing up to sudden strikes. The spool, frame and side plates are forged from single pieces of aluminum.

I've used the Penn 30TW, 50TW and 12T during the 1986 tuna season and can report the reels performed flawlessly. The 30TWs got the most use. Filled with 50 pound line they beat makos to over 200 lbs., trolled tuna to 180 lbs. and chunked tuna to nearly 200 lbs. The reels beat over 50 tuna each, had no problems and required no service. At season's end they needed only cleaning and relubing.

The 12Ts were used for some great light tackle fishing and filled with 20 pound line, beat makos to 165 lbs. and several yellowfins to over 150 lbs. It took time to get the fish in, but the reels performed as expected and the fish were boated. The 50TWs were used primarily for trolling and took the most abuse due to salt spray. No problems were encountered and only cleaning was needed at year end service.

When you head to the shark grounds, the inshore tuna grounds or to the edge of the continental shelf, you are investing a lot of money on fuel, bait and boat. The last thing you need is tackle that won't stand the rigors of this fishing. You can count on Penn to not let you down.

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The

Tackle Doctor

—by Ken Freel—

Dear Doc,

This past summer I walked into a tackle shop for some supplies. While I was in there, the owner was snelling hooks. I asked him to show me how to snell a hook. I got a real fast lesson and really did not understand what he was doing. I wanted to know if there are any books on this or if you could send me some information? It would save me a lot of money and would be a big help for the winter blahs. Thanks.

Paul Rucci.

Dear Paul,

Several other readers have asked for help with regards to snelling hooks. As with most knots, getting the knack that makes it look easy takes time and practice. Follow the directions given below which were taken from Berkley Tackle's Fishing catalog:

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Dear Doc,

I read Eddie Henry's inquiry in regard to not being able to catch fish with bucktails. I live inland, but fish exclusively saltwater for flounder or fluke, sea trout and bluefish. I never fish without a bucktail. I make several sizes in the winter.

Now, my reason for writing. Where is a good source of tinned jig hooks? I have Herter & Palmer jig molds. My

English Bermuda tinned jig hooks supply purchased from Herter is getting very low. Most suppliers only list bronzed or gold jig hooks and they are not worthwhile dropping into salt water. Thank you. Eugene R. Bixler.

Dear Eugene,

You may not be able to find the tinned jigs in your area; however, they are quite easy to find at any tackle shop along the coast from Massachusetts to Virginia. The tackle shops in your area should also be able to assist you in obtaining tinned jigs. Ask the salesperson if the shop has them or can order a supply. If you don't get anywhere with the local shops and don't want to wait until your next trip down to the coast, then contact these mail order suppliers: Midland Tackle in Sloatsburg, NY at (914) 753-5440 or Reed's Tackle in Fairfield, NJ at (201) 227-0409.

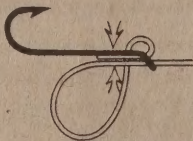
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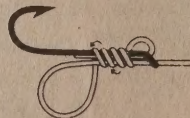
I have been a dedicated Fisherman reader for the last three years. I have used many of your tips to my advantage during my trips for bass, blues and many other fish. While I know my question does not relate to tackle per se, I really need your help.

Last spring, I purchased a new center console and 135 hp engine.

SNELLING A HOOK



1. Insert one end of the leader through the hook's eye extending one to two inches past the eye. Insert the other end of the leader through the eye in the opposite direction pointing toward the barb of the hook. Hold the hook and leader ends between thumb and forefinger of your left hand. Leader will hang below the hook in a large loop.



2. Take the part of this loop that is closest to the eye and wrap it over the hook shank and both ends of the leader toward the hook's barb.



3. Wrap for 7 or 8 turns and hold wraps with left hand. Grip the end of the leader that is through the eyelet with your right hand and pull it slowly and steadily. Hold the turns with your left hand or the knot will unravel. When knot is almost tight, slide it up against the eye of the hook. Grip the short end lying along the shank of the hook with a pair of pliers. Pull this end and the standing line at the same time to completely tighten the knot.

4. Trim the tag end.

Since that time I have been trying, with little success, to find an economical flasher type depth sounder that would work at speeds in excess of 50 mph (speed runs with the boat "clock out" in the mid to high 50s). Does anyone make a unit that would operate at this speed without having the unit show readings all around the dial? What transducer would work best: through hull or transom mount? Also, I am aware that there are different frequency units. Does this have any bearing on the performance of the unit?

Walt Craft.

Dear Walt,

Yes, there are units that will read at very high speeds, but they will only read bottom not fish, and only in flat calm water. The typical daily inshore ocean water conditions limit the abilities of most flashers to read only a bottom line when used on high speed boats. Why do you need such capabilities? At 50 mph, by the time you saw a fish mark, you'd be so far past it that you couldn't get back on the fish, or if you read an upcoming shoal of water you'd probably be high and dry into the sand or mud by the time you yank back on the throttles.

Most flashers like Si-Tex, Lowrance and others will operate just fine at mid range boat speeds from 15 to 35 knots and are definitely an aid to navigation as well as marking schools of fish.

A true through hull transducer installation uses a bronze or Delrin transducer with a 6 inch threaded post. A hole large enough for the post to pass through is bored into the hull. The transducer is slid into the hole from the bottom side of the boat so the transducer crystal is exposed directly to the water. Wooden fairing blocks and a sealer like 3M 5200 keeps the transducer and hole sealed from water leaks after the locking nut on the transducer shaft is securely screwed into place.

Some fishermen call a transducer that is epoxied into place on the inside of the hull a "through hull" transducer since the sound waves are transmitted through the hull, but this is not a correct term to use.

The best readings for a graph or flasher will be obtained from the true through hull transducer, the transom mount is second and the epoxied transducer comes in third. However, under typical fishing conditions a slight adjustment of the Gain or Power controls overcomes the reduced signals of the epoxy mount and there is no discernible difference in the readings.

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Dock Lines

—by Eric Burnley—

Dear Eric,

I am an avid reader and subscriber to The Fisherman, so when my dilemma struck, who else could I turn to?

The problem is this: I have read a dozen articles on the damaging effects of running marine engines on reduced lead or no-lead gasoline. Many products have come to market to add either lead substitutes or tetraethyl lead to the currently produced reduced lead fuels. Prices run from five cents per gallon treated for the synthetics to forty-five cents per gallon treated for the real lead.

To add forty-five cents per gallon to the already high cost of gasoline at the marine pumps is quite insane if not totally necessary.

The additive companies have their arguments for valve erosion and other damage in as little as 50 hours, while MerCruiser informs me there is no problem with my 1985 260 MerCruiser.

With the cost of a valve job or perhaps new heads and valves, I would like to get the honest answer. It's times like this I wish I had a diesel.

Your response to this problem would be much appreciated, as I am sure there are others like myself wondering about the same situation as the additive companies scare the pants off us.

Andrew Stark.

Dear Andrew,

We have received several letters on the subject of reduced lead fuel and what it will do or will not do to marine engines. You have done the sensible thing by contacting the manufacturer of your engine to find out their recommendations.

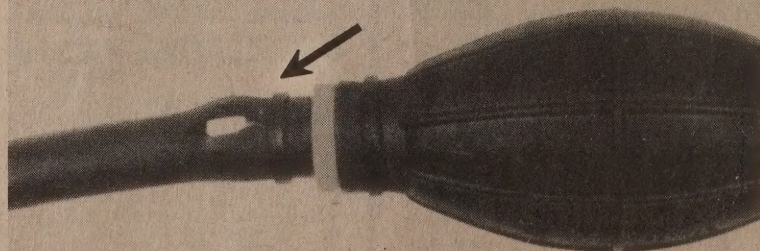
My research into the subject has found that most marine outboards, inboards and I/Os manufactured after

1975 should operate on low lead or no lead fuels. This is a generalization and if your engine's instruction manual does not recommend operation on no lead or low lead fuel, you must contact the manufacturer to find out what action you should take. This is a very serious problem and you must have information directly from the company that manufactured your engine, not from the shade-tree mechanic down the street, not from some guy with a motor something like yours, certainly not from people who write boating columns. Each engine has its own specifications and must be treated separately.

A problem with marine fuel that is potentially more dangerous than the removal of lead is the addition of alcohol. Lead is used in gasoline to increase the octane rating and when it is taken out the rating falls. This results in poor performance with lack of power, knocking and dieseling.

To correct this situation, some gasoline companies add alcohol to their product. This is not bad for automobiles, but can be disastrous for boats. Alcohol causes two problems in marine applications. First, it absorbs water and settles to the bottom of the tank. If enough of this absorption takes place, you can wind up with a mixture of water and alcohol in your engine which won't burn too well and may cause several corrosion problems.

The second problem could cause you to lose not only your engine, but also your boat and perhaps your life. The rubber fuel lines used in many boats will break down when exposed to alcohol. This breakdown will allow fuel to leak into the bilge creating a very hazardous situation that could



This aftermarket supplier's primer bulb cracked and fuel line split after six weeks of testing with a mixture of gasoline and with 10 percent ethanol at the OMC Test Center in Stuart, Florida.

result in an explosion. Fuels containing alcohol must not be used in boats.

If you are in doubt about the alcohol content in your fuel, there is a simple test you can make that will detect the presence of alcohol. You fill a graduated cylinder halfway with fuel, then fill the other half with tap water. Cap the cylinder and shake for five or ten seconds. Allow the solution to sit for several minutes and the water will settle to the bottom while the gasoline rises to the top. If the water level appears above the halfway mark, there is alcohol present in the fuel. The alcohol has mixed with the water increasing its volume and raising it above the halfway mark. If you use a 100 milliliter measure and the water settles out at 55 milliliters, the alcohol content is approximately 10 percent.

While many motors will run on no lead fuel they still require an octane rating of 87 to 91. Once again, you must check your owner's manual to find the manufacturer's suggested minimum octane rating for your motor. If you don't have this manual, you must contact the manufacturer.

The regular no lead gas you purchase at the pump will not have an octane rating this high. You will have to use the high-test no-lead if that is what your motor requires.

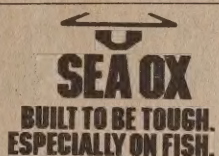
Those of us who fill up at marinas will have to check the pump or ask the attendant for an octane rating on their fuel. If it is too low we will have to add some type of power booster to the fuel.

I spoke with the dealer where I have my MerCruiser serviced and he said Mercury does not make a lead additive but he did sell several cases of a product called MDR ReLead and will be stocking another additive called Valv-Tect this season. Both of these products are lead substitutes that improve performance while protecting the valves. The boaters who used MDR ReLead last year did not return to the dealer with any problems or complaints. The Valve-Tect product is manufactured by Bell Fuels, Inc., 4116 W. Patterson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646. According to the manufacturer Valve-Tect has been extensively tested in marine engines and will not only protect the valve seats, but will also improve performance.

There will be other additives on the market as the lead content of all gasoline drops to zero. I suggest you check out any product of this type with the manufacturer of your motor or any authorized mechanic before adding it to your fuel.

The Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program produced a book entitled **Reducing Fuel Cost**, with a special section on the Dangers of Unleaded Fuel. You may contact Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program, 1224 H.J. Patterson Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 and request a copy. There is a lot of good information in this book, not only on unleaded fuels but also on fuel economy.

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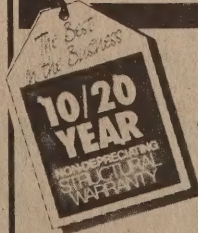


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There are few absolutes in the world of saltwater sport fishing, especially with fish like permit and bonefish. Simply traveling to a renowned fishing spot like Mexico's Boca Paila doesn't guarantee success. Bonefish aren't called the Ghosts of the Flats for nothing. I've been on a number of trips to the Florida Keys when these finny apparitions never even made a cameo appearance. Even when you do find them, bonefish have a way of disappearing faster than my brother-in-law when a waiter drops a check on the table.

If the family fortune, such as it is, were riding on my success with the bones, I would have to choose Boca Paila. Other spots on earth may boast bigger bonefish, or larger numbers, but Boca Paila offers the nearest thing to a guarantee this side of going after goldfish at the local tropical fish store. You might say the folks at Boca Paila are the Ghost Busters of the piscatorial world.

What really sets Boca Paila apart is the geography of the area and the quality of its people. Victor Dzul, my guide, was not the only friend I found, and the bonefish flats are virtually in the backyard of the lodge, precluding long, open water runs to the fishing grounds. In addition, the area is well protected from prevailing westerly winds. Add plentiful permit populations, bragging size barracuda and an occasional school of tarpon for a difficult to beat combination. Throw in the option of a fly-in day trip to the nearly virgin fishing grounds of Ascension Bay and you have the makings of a flats fisherman's dream. At least those were the impressions fellow Baltimorean Chuck Edghill and I brought home after a trip to Boca Paila last year.

Our adventure began with a morning flight to Miami where we boarded a Mexicana Airlines jet for the two hour trip to the island of Cozumel, followed by a half hour flight by small

plane to the fishing camp. Later that afternoon we sipped cold Heinekens under a canopy of palmetto fronds and watched the surf roll lazily on the white sand beach.

Morning brought tightly knit clumps of white clouds, tinged with gray and scudding toward the southwest with the aid of a 15 knot breeze. Shafts of sunlight penetrated the irregular, vaporous canopy, creating a lattice-work pattern of shifting emerald hues on the lagoons behind Boca Paila.

Victor spotted the first fish, a pod of five bonefish that materialized out of the turtle grass on the edge of the sand. "Macabe...bonefish," he whispered. I looked in the direction Victor pointed and pick them up immediately: five bars of animated silver, glistening in the low morning sun.

Now Victor's part of the hunt was over; the rest was up to me. I flipped the small, pink fly into the air and worked out about 30 feet of line. The fish were moving from left to right, about 60 feet off our bow. I made two more false casts, then shot the line laying on the casting platform. My lead on the school was perfect, but I had under-estimated the distance and the fly dropped short by about eight feet.

I was about to strip in the line for another cast, but Victor anticipated my reaction. "Wait," he said. "Maybe turn." And turn they did, heading right for my fly. When they were nearly on top of the fly, I twitched it slightly and the lead bonefish pounced on the feathered imitation like I'd go for a \$100 bill laying on the sidewalk.

Surprisingly, the fish made no initial sprint across the flat when I set the hook. The bonefish simply did a series of high speed figure eights, as though he were trying to catch his tail. But then one of the loops never closed and my bonefish took off on a 60 yard, rooster-tailing, bottom-churning, click-drag-screaching, adrenaline producing run.

With bonefish, size is not so important. Nor is the actual catch, for that matter. The challenge lies in the stalk, the presentation and the take. Those powerful runs are a joy to behold, but the events leading up to the strike are what bonefishing is all about. Flats fishing is a state of mind, a special world that, once entered, is difficult to leave.

That three pound bonefish was only the first of many, in what was, for me, an exceptional day; for Victor it was typical. Edghill wasn't having as much luck. Oh, there were plenty of permit around, but like permit everywhere, they didn't take flies with the gusto of bonefish and Chuck's heart was set on taking a permit on a fly.

"I was really frustrated," Chuck told me later that evening. "So many times a permit would follow my fly, like a kitten chasing a feather. Took two nice fish on crab baits though."

After dinner we joined Papo Lopez, the camp's assistant manager, host

and resident fishing expert, for a cocktail on the beach. Papo suggested we fly south and try the flats of Ascension Bay for a day. "Nothing wrong with the fishing here," Papo explained, "but Ascension Bay can be incredible. Many bonefish. Many, many permit."

Ascension Bay was everything Papo said it would be. Bonefish swarmed over the grassy flats like locusts. Palometa (permit) showed up with regularity, and Edghill finally took one on a fly—a 12 lb. beauty that took him 20 minutes to land; retelling the experience took an hour back at the lodge that evening.

Mostly we were into the bonefish, sighting and casting to fish for the better part of the day, except for a brief period at ebb tide. Sometimes we fished from the boats, but generally they were only used for transportation to a flat.

On the following day, our third and last, Edghill elected to plug for barracuda. I opted for a trip through the mangrove country on the western end of Caapechen Lagoon in search of tarpon, the sabalo.

Pods of three to five tarpon move along the edges of the mangroves, or snake their way along shallow channels. Most of the bottom is coral sand with little grass, so visibility is usually excellent. I took three fish before lunch and had a chance at nine.

That afternoon, Victor Dzul and I

waded the white flat together. I lost count of the bonefish we caught and released; they kept moving across the white sand in unending schools. Every properly placed cast was

rewarded with a strike. I didn't want that day to end. If will power could halt the progress of the sun, I would have stopped its inexorable descent that day.

TRIP PLANNER

Boca Paila flats fishing expeditions can be arranged through their North American representative, Frontiers International, Pearce Mill Road, Wexford, PA 15090; (800) 245-1950 (toll free) or (412) 935-1577.

Price for six full days of fishing is \$1,275 per person (double occupancy). A three day trip is priced at \$790. The 15 percent Mexican tax must be added to these figures. Prices include room, meals and guides. Day trips to Ascension Bay via small plane are priced at \$250 round trip, for up to four anglers.

There are two options for reaching Boca Paila. Anglers may fly to Cancun, then take a two hour taxi ride to the camp. This cost is extra and is approximately \$75 for up to four persons. Return to Cancun, via lodge vehicle, is included in the package prices.

The other option is to fly into Cozumel and pick up a small charter plane to Boca Paila. Round trip cost is \$400 for up to four passengers. Frontiers can make arrangements for this charter as well as commercial airline service from the United States to Cancun or Cozumel. Round trip air fare from Miami or Houston will cost about \$175 to \$200. A voter registration card or birth certificate is adequate to enter Mexico, but the best policy is to carry a passport.

Boca Paila's fishing season runs from mid-October through mid-July. The lodge offers a 20 percent discount during June and July. Most visitors come during the winter months but the fishing is as good, or better, in spring and summer.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON FLOUNDERING

by Matt Ahern



The hallmarks of good fishermen are many; but two are outstanding. The willingness to experiment come what may is number one; and the pursuit of knowledge required to anticipate the erratic behavior of our finny quarry is number two. Tough requirements, I know. But those who have need of a lamp, supply it with oil.

Now, this may seem a tall order to some; but it isn't all that difficult if one makes it a habit to ask certain questions. For want of a better name, I've called these questions What-ifs. For instance, such questions as the following are appropriate: What if I do this? What if I try here? What if I fish here? What if I try that? What if I try deeper water? What if I try shallower water? What if I trim bait this way? What if; what if; what if. Without question, a continuous stream of What ifs will make of you a better fisherman.

Now, of course, these wonderments, these what-ifs, are nothing more than common sense. But they are wonderments which refuse to show themselves until we as fishermen have had enough experience to

enable each of us to separate the wheat from the chaff—plus, and this is a biggie, the ability to reverse mediocre fishing results into the possible realm of the superb.

I'm sure you are expecting to read an article on those flounder catching tips I've garnered over the years, and perhaps I am going about it in a roundabout way, but fret not—we'll eventually get there. However, to explain what is meant by experimentation and anticipation, let me first tell you a story.

Many sinker bouncers who read these weekly "pearls of wisdom" are familiar with the fishing ability of my buddy Artie Leidecker. But for those who are not acquainted let me say that Artie and I go back a long way—first meeting in July, 1920 as two know-nothing kids with a fire-breathing passion for fishing that even today passes all understanding. We've been fishing buddies ever since, which is a good, long time in anyone's book. Artie is one fisherman who truly enjoys offshore fishing, one who is in his glory when chasing winter cod in the New York Bight. And because this

codfishing interest is so intense, he's good at it. In fact, he's the best codfisherman I know. But then, of course, I'm prejudiced.

And because of this offshore interest, I was surprised when he called me one mid-March day and expressed a desire to go flounder fishing.

"I met Al Dunn this morning," he told me in that raspy voice I know so well all these long years. "He mentioned you two guys are going out for flounder in the morning. Over in my neck of the woods. That right?"

"Yeah. Reynold's Channel."

"Okay. Pick me up at the dock. I want to try something." And he hung up.

Just like that. No "Okay if I come along?" or "Got room for me?" But I suppose nearly 67 years of friendship allows that privilege.

Anyway, Al Dunn and I met Artie at his Long Beach dock early the following morning, but instead of renting a skiff as I had planned, he told us to hop aboard his 30 foot "Echo."

Now, I enjoy fishing from large boats (I'm a party boat fanatic, have been for over 60 years), but I'm a firm

believer that inshore flounder fishing is best done from a skiff (don't ask me to explain that—just another of my fishing prejudices), therefore I've always felt that using a private boat like the Echo for flounder chasing is a bit much—and I'm not just considering the expense angle.

But I held my counsel simply because I figured if the flounder action dropped dead, which is always a possibility no matter how "fishy" the day seems, we could run offshore and snag a few ling and whiting—maybe even a cod. I'm sure Artie had anticipated that possibility, which I supposed was his reason for using the Echo in the first place.

Our destination was the mud flats bordering buoy 9 in Reynolds Channel, an area that had given us good flounder action in the past. We found the tide outgoing, with an hour or so to go before dead low, which, unfortunately is not the ideal tide for good flounder action in the Buoy 9 area. But there's nothing much a guy can do about that.

Anyway—we began to fish.

I used a slice of soft clam neck, while Al and Artie relied on bloodworm. Al got the first action—a smallish flounder not worth keeping. I felt a spooky tick from a spooky flounder that immediately decided that soft clam wasn't on its menu of the day.

We continued to fish into low water slack with no sign of action. The first minutes of the incoming tide produced another small flounder for Al. I was beginning to think he would become our fair-haired boy of the day.

It was then when Artie reeled in, removed his untouched bloodworm bait and tossed it overboard.

"Now we'll see," he murmured, more to himself I think than to us. He reached into his tackle bag and brought forth a small plastic container. He upended it and dumped several strips of red-dyed something—other on the bait board.

"What's that?" I asked. "Red-dyed tape worm?"

"Nope. Red-dyed squid. Don't look surprised. You've caught flounder with it before."

Which was true.

Artie wove a narrow strip of the squid on one hook and a fresh piece of bloodworm on the other.

"Remember on the phone last night I mentioned wanting to try something? Well, this is it. When Al told me you guys were planning a shot at flounder fishing, I figured this would be a good time to experiment. If we get these flounder to take red-dyed squid after refusing our other bait, maybe we can work out some way to get cod to take in on those slow days."

Fair enough.

I passed two slices of the dyed squid to Al and then put one slice on each of my two hooks. I lowered the rig to the bottom and waited. Al again drew first blood, but this fish was no throwback—maybe a half pound.



A little experimenting paid off for this lady angler during a trip aboard the Wilhellic. Lorry Mangan photo.

Then I got one about the same size and Artie reeled in a double header, losing one at boat side.

"Dropped the one that took the squid," he said. "Got to let 'em munch a little longer, I guess."

At day's end we had 21 nice fish. There were no monsters, a one pounder being tops for the day. Occasionally, we would experiment by changing back to clam neck or bloodworm just to see what would happen. Two flounder thought it worthwhile, but red-dyed squid saved the day. I noticed that as the tide neared high water, interest in that red-dyed squid lessened. At the top of the tide, dyed squid produced no flounder, but our worm and soft clam bait put several fish in the bucket.

Now, you can make of all this what you will. You may derive anything you wish from it. There's plenty of in-

formation there for experimenting fishermen. I must add this, though. As good as red-dyed squid was that day, it doesn't always produce when we use it (just a handful of fish, as a rule). When it does produce, it seems to be on those days when all else fails. But you will **never** discover these things if you fail to experiment.

Nuff said.

Now down to the nitty-gritty.

Because I've been using the following flounder-catching trips for more than 50 years, I can say without fear of reprisal that they work. Many were given to me as a boy by the unselfish old-timers in my old Brooklyn neighborhood. Select those you believe will help, then, whenever possible, add refinements by experimentation. By so doing, you will teach yourself to anticipate the actions of

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those hard-to-come-by fish when they put on their finicky act.

First, let me tell you what I think is the best flounder hook.

Many fishermen use the standard #9 or #10 Chestertown hook—this, as far as most sinker bouncers are concerned, is the flounder hook. Period. But I'll tell you of one better, one I've been using for more than 50 years (maybe longer). This is the #6 regular shanked Mustad Sproat (Style #3366). Now, to look at this hook, one would think it couldn't hold a frisky killie. But don't let appearances deceive you. Take my word for it. Give them a try. If you find them difficult to find, check the classified ad section. Or check the mail order houses that cater to us fishermen.

A moving bait is more attractive to flounder than one which remains lifeless in one spot. When the current is slow moving, it is to your advantage to jig. This should only be done with a light wrist movement. This will cause the sinker to send up tiny puffs of mud or sand. Because flounder are extremely curious, those in the immediate vicinity will seek out the cause of the commotion. I've caught more flounder with this method than any other.

You need not go wild with your jigg. All that's necessary is to jig a half dozen times and then allow the bait to lie still for several seconds. The line is then cautiously tightened and the rod lifted as you feel for the added weight of a feeding flounder. The instant this weight is detected, hook the fish with a short, smart lift of the rod's tip. It's important not to snap the rod upward with a fierce yank as many inexperienced fishermen do. To do this is to assure a missed fish.

I have had so much success with flounder jiggging that I made myself a bottom pounder. This is made from a two inch lead pipe, 14" long. One end was crimped shut by pounding with a hammer, then three inches of molten lead was poured in and allowed to cool.

Next, a half inch hole was drilled through the open end and an appropriate sized shackle was used for attaching a 40 foot length of nylon Ventian cord. I purposely keep this length because many times flounder go deep—especially in early spring when the water still holds some of winter's chill.

When skiff fishing, I hang this bottom bouncer overboard. If the action slows, I bounce it a few times and more often than not, one or two curious flounder are added to the bucket. Actually, for flounder fishing I believe something like this is as necessary as bait and I wouldn't be without it.

Incidentally, avoid using a sash weight as a bottom bouncer if at all possible. A sash weight's one drawback is its rapid accumulation of rust, which can become quite a problem if allowed to come into contact with your tackle. One made of lead will last a

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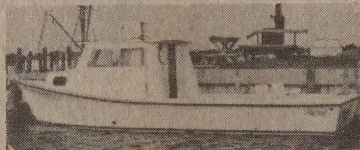


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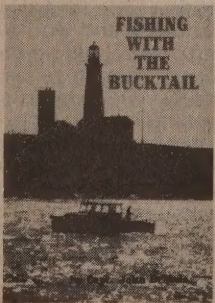
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Let us get back to dyed bait for a few minutes—especially dyed clam.

Most information for dyeing clam say to place them in a container with sufficient water to cover, then a small amount of dye is added. This mixture is then stirred and allowed to soak overnight.

Well, maybe so. But I've had an easier go of it by simply cutting the bait to the size I want (narrow, 1½ inch pieces) and then placing them in a container without any water whatsoever. I then add a few drops of dye at a time, stirring with a small stick as I go along. I use red dye for average fishing, but always remember to dye some of the clam strips yellow and bring some of that along, too. This is because yellow-dyed bait is easier to see in deep water—and sometimes in early spring flounder go deep when cold currents enter the bays or creeks. Below 20 feet, red is difficult to see—but yellow still retains its color.

Anyway (I sidetracked myself), when this dyeing job is completed, I place the container in the refrigerator overnight. You'll find when the red-dyed bait is removed it will be of a darker hue—just the color you want. And for some reason, bait treated in this manner will keep for a week or more with normal refrigeration; it seems the dye acts as a preservative.

Dyeing clam can be a messy job no matter how careful we are, for most fishermen are all-thumbs guys. I use an old pair of cheap cotton gloves and they help some. Make sure you use plenty of old newspaper to catch the drippings and splashings you're sure to make. You can bet you know who isn't going to like it one bit if you're sloppy—and we poor fishermen are in the doghouse enough the way it is.

Sometimes flounder will accept a combination bait of sliced soft clam tipped with a bit of sand or bloodworm. Why this should work when these baits used singly may be refused, I don't know. But this trick does occasionally work—and when it does, it works well. Always keep in mind that flounder (as well as all fish) feed sometime during the day, even on those slow ones. If you can get them stirring by bottom bouncing, the chances are excellent they'll take a combination bait.

When skiff fishing, it's wise to use a short anchor line. What you don't want to do is swing too much—especially if you're chumming with bank mussel. If it is possible to do so, use a stern anchor as well. Be sure to allow enough scope to prevent the anchor being lifted by wind or tide. Some fishermen toss a small cork buoy near the anchor's vicinity. Then should the boat drift off, there's no problem returning to the original spot.

To finish, let me say this. Never, never hesitate to experiment. This bit of extra effort is what makes good fishermen even better. Now, this spring prove I'm right—and go out and get those flounder!

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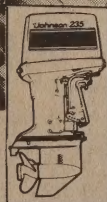
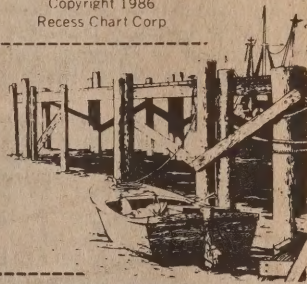
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TIDAL BOUNTY

by Fred Golofaro

Meandering pristinely through the boundaries of Connetquot River State Park, the serenity of the Connetquot is only temporarily interrupted as it courses beneath the bustle of traffic that constitutes Sunrise Highway. It is at this point, where the Connetquot drops into Bubbles Falls to the west and Rattlesnake Creek to the east, that the river begins to pulse with the rise and fall of the tides and its waters mix with the salt of Great South Bay.

This tidal estuary, from the southern perimeter of Bubbles Falls Pool and Rattlesnake Creek, to its juncture

with the Bay, bears special fruits for those who have taken the time to explore the potential of this jewel.

The Connetquot River has long been synonymous with some of the best trout fishing in the Long Island/Metropolitan Area. That stretch of river which falls within the confines of the Park is a story unto itself, providing fly rodders with a quality of trout fishing that compares with some of the best in the country.

Once you enter the realm of the Connetquot's brackish reaches, the fishing potential broadens consider-

ably. At various points during the season, you can expect to encounter trout, white perch, flounder, tommycod, striped bass, weakfish and snappers. Although rare, I have seen fluke, kingfish and bay blues taken inside the river's mouth.

One of the nicest aspects of the Connetquot is that it provides year-round opportunities. From December through April, the tidal reaches of the Connetquot offers winter weary anglers a better than reasonable shot at catching sea run trout, white perch, flounder and tommycod.

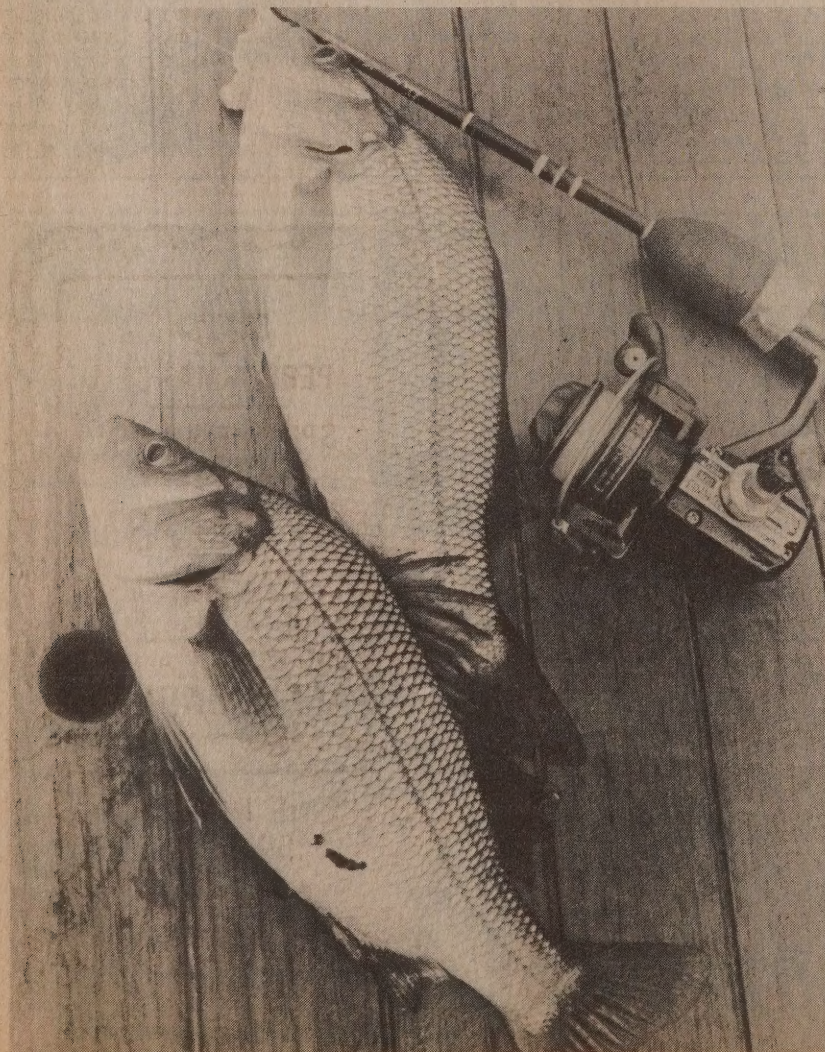
While a worm baited hook might result in the taking of any of these species, there are other techniques which can improve your odds with a specific species.

Live killies are deadly medicine on big sea run trout here. A #4 Eagle Claw baitholder hook slipped through the back, just ahead of the dorsal, and weighted lightly with a small split shot is a favorite approach of those seeking a trophy "salter." Over the years, I've taken many fine trout from the river on minnow-shaped swimmers like the Rebel and Rapala in 3½ and even 4½ inch sizes.

Small live killies are also deadly medicine on the local population of white perch. While they may rate second best to live grass shrimp, they are still a top perch bait. Those with the means to acquire and store their own shrimp have managed to rack up some impressive scores in recent years, despite the general decline in local perch populations.

For the average angler, a #6 baitholder hook with a small spinner blade rigged on the hook's snell, and dressed with a piece of night crawler or bloodworm, will draw the attention of not only perch, but flounder, trout, and tommycod as well. Rigged with a split or two, the worm and spinner combo should be retrieved s-l-o-w-l-y along the bottom with occasional pauses. When working from a boat, which is a necessity for most of the fishing here due to limitations on shore access, you can try drifting this rig in your boat's wake. The key is keeping your bait down near the bottom. Too much of a breeze may require you to drop anchor and work an area as you would from shore.

Other effective techniques in the river include the use of small spinners similar to the Mepps. I like the 0 size with the treble replaced by a long shanked #6 hook. A whole night



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crawler, earthworm or length of bloodworm should be slid up the hook's shank.

Small leadhead jigs have become especially popular with some anglers who work the tidal creeks and rivers regularly. I've had good success with 1/8 ounce white feathered shad darts in the past. Current favorites include Al's Feather Jigs and tiny leadheads fitted with small Mr. Twister Tails. Paul Graniello at J&J Tackle in Patchogue, John DiGiacomo at J&R Sports Center in Oakdale, Carl Miller at Smokey's Tackle in Bay Shore and Tom Healy at Augie's Tackle in Babylon are all good sources for tidal river information and can help outfit you with the proper terminal gear. Needless to say, the lightest of spinning outfits, fitted with 4 to 6 lb. line are in order for this fishing.

Most of the best fishing in the Connetquot takes place from south of the railroad tracks to Dowling College. Private property abounds here, making the best approach via cartop boat or canoe. While there are no designated launch areas on the north end of the river, small, lightweight boats can be dropped in at the tail end of Bubbles and Rattles. If trout are your target, seek out any type of structure such as bridges, docks and boat slips. Many a big salter has been culled from the shadows of boats docked along the edges of these serene canals. Perch and flounder are best sought in the deeper holes.



The Connetquot just below Bubbles Falls.

The potential of the tidal Connetquot remains very much untapped. There are many sections of the river that receive virtually no attention from anglers. Close to the river's mouth, I have done well with both trout and flounder in the tributary canal that borders the parking lot of

the Snapper Inn Restaurant in Oakdale and the marshy banks that fringe Timber Point County Park have surrendered many a tiderunner weak in warmer months. Still, the river holds other secrets that inquisitive and resourceful anglers are sure to discover if they make the effort.



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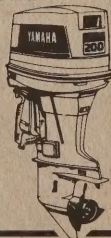
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WHERE TO FIND PECONIC FLOUNDER

by William A. Muller

There's been a lot of concern about brown algal blooms in the Great South Bay, Peconic Bay and Gardiner's Bay the last two years. That concern has translated into a tendency for Long Island saltwater fishermen to avoid the east end waters. If that's how you've been thinking, you might just be putting yourself out of some of the best flounder fishing you will experience in Long Island bays.

It would be helpful for all of us to understand that there have been several factors at work in the last few years diminishing the overall produc-

tivity of winter flounder. The brown tide may or may not be a factor, but if it is, it's only one factor. A number of experts do not believe the brown algae has had any effect upon the winter flounder fishery.

All fish are cyclical to one degree or another and although flounder populations are generally quite stable, there are periods when the size of the resource declines. A few fisheries biologists we've talked to say that the species is at a low point in its cycle. They say it has happened before and the low point for winter flounder isn't

quite the famine we have with weakfish when they decline, but it is noticeable to fishermen that they are catching fewer flounder and that they are harder to catch.

Some experts believe that the decline may be caused either by the tremendous pressure on the resource from both commercial and recreational anglers, or that the decline may be made deeper and last longer because of the intense fishing pressure. We'll need more research to resolve this question. In the meantime, we lovers of flounder, both on



The author's late father was terrific at waiting out flounder; an important ploy in east end waters.

the hook and in the pan, will have to be more careful in expressing our fishing skills.

I was raised on flounder fishing in east end waters, and I love it. It is true that 15 years ago it wasn't unusual to catch several hundred flounder in Peconic Bay and everyone over a pound, with many over 2 lbs., and a smattering to over 4 lbs. It is also true that you can't do that today (at least I've heard no such stories in recent years). However, we can have a day of good fun and end up the day with several pounds of thick fillets.

I don't want to devote a lot of words to tackle and technique, because The Fisherman publishes plenty of articles on "How-To." Instead, I'd like to talk about where-to mostly.

I will make a few suggestions about tackle. Use a rather stout conventional outfit with a minimum of 10 pound test line. The water is deep in most spots and the currents strong. You'll need the stout tackle for sinkers up to 8 ounces, not to control a big fish. Use simple terminal gear. Use a tandem hook rig without hardware for weed free fishing. Use at least one heavily weighted chum pot, but two would be better. I suggest you use two rods at a time. I suggest mussel bait and ground clam in the pot. Mussels are hard to shuck and even harder to keep on a hook, but in the spring in Peconic Bay, they are very hard to beat.

Boat liveries are being gobbled up by speculators at an astonishing rate, so I can't be sure who's left. I know Captain Marty is still doing business in New Suffolk, but to the best of my knowledge, many others have sold out. However, most marinas do have ramps that you can use to launch a small private boat for a fee. See the ads in The Fisherman and call ahead. There are also a number of charter boats and party boats that cover the area. Again, see the ads in The Fisherman.

If you use a party boat, the rest of this article may be entertaining, but non-essential to your success. The captain will find the fish for you. If you frequent party boats, maybe you'll want to bone up on that scene by reading **Party Boat Fishing With The Experts**. (See ad in this publication for more details on ordering.)

Okay, I'm going to talk about three of the best spots to fish. There are hundreds of others, but rather than diffuse the usefulness of the data, let me stick to three. All three will produce from the end of March until the end of April. When the action starts, when it ends, and when it's at its peak depends upon the weather more than any other factor. Call east to party boats, marinas and liveries for the latest info before making a trip.

The first spot is Nassau Point in Little Peconic Bay, on the east side of Robbins Island. Although the spot can produce fish on any stage of the tide, the percentages are with the last two hours of the incoming and second best if the first two hours of the ebb. When

you are near the red buoy at the south tip of the point, line up the buoy, the white house on the point, and the sand cliff south of your position on the Southampton shore. Now run anywhere from a quarter to a half mile towards the cliff. Drop your anchor (you'll need a long lead in the strong current), and immediately set up full, heavily weighted chum pots. Drop one off each side of the bow. Start with 5 ounces of lead, but have 6 and 8 ounces with you. Do not use line heavier than 20 pound because if you do you'll need up to 12 ounces of lead thanks to the increased water drag of heavier line.

The second spot is on the west side of Jessup's Neck. Run east from Nassau Point to the Neck that pushes north from the south shore. Find the second fish trap as you move from the tip of the neck south. At the trap, swing west about 300 feet and drop the hook. The water is shallower here, but currents still move well. Best tide here is the incoming tide until the flood. Occasionally, the outgoing will be hot, but usually the fish smaller.

The third stop will be the south ferry at Shelter Island. Just west of the ferry, turn your boat north towards the beach. You'll note that there is a sudden transition between shallow water against the beach (5 to 10 feet) and much deeper water in the main channel. Fish the transition into deeper water, or if you have a depth recorder seek out any one of several nice holes. Anchor and chum with two pots. I like the flood and the first of the outgoing here. If you want to drift you can do that in the south ferry area, too. You'll want to do your drifting as the incoming current eases towards flood, or at the start of the ebb. Run your boat to the western edge of the channel and towards the south side of it. Drift anywhere along this zone. It will likely be easy to find because there is usually a party boat or two drifting there as well as private craft.

As I said, there are many other areas. If you have experience as a flounder fisherman, you'll be able to explore these on your own. The usual factors apply: hard mud, holes, channels, clam spat on the anchor etc.

One last thought about something that makes these fish special. It is and always was a rare day when flounder would jump all over a baited hook out there. These are bigger fish and in most good spots they are fighting strong tides. Bounce the sinker a few dozen times to create puffs of mud to announce the presence of your offering. Then let the rig lay still for five minutes. Watch your tip for tell-tale flutterings. If there are none, lift the pole very slowly, feeling for weight only. If you feel weight, lower the tip slowly and wait a moment. Repeat; if this time the fish tugs, set the hook with a decisive upward movement of the rod tip.

Hope to see you beside me this spring catching some of Peconic Bays sea run flounder.

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THE TERMINAL END: SNAPS & SWIVELS

by Russ Wilson

It's the little things that count. In every endeavor, the person who makes it normal operating procedure to cover the finer points is the one who is most likely to succeed. So it is when mapping your strategy for the coming fishing season.

Rods, reels, gaffs and nets should also be in tiptop shape. Now, before the season gets under way, is the time to check each item. You do not want to find yourself hooked up with a big fish and then discover your equipment is not up to snuff. If you cleaned the tackle before stowing it away for the winter, it should be ready to go.

You've purchased new line, or should put new line on all reels before the actual start of the season. Line is the least expensive item in your arsenal and often, the most overlooked. Buy it now and take the time to load each reel with fresh line. Don't be stingy. After a few weeks of hard use, even the best lines will show signs of deterioration.

We make it our business to change

line often, occasionally going so far as to remove the last 10 to 20 feet of line two or three times a day when the action is fast and furious. Sure, it costs a few pennies to keep the reels loaded with fresh line, but I'll bet we lose a lot less fish because our chances of having a fish break off due to line failure are greatly reduced.

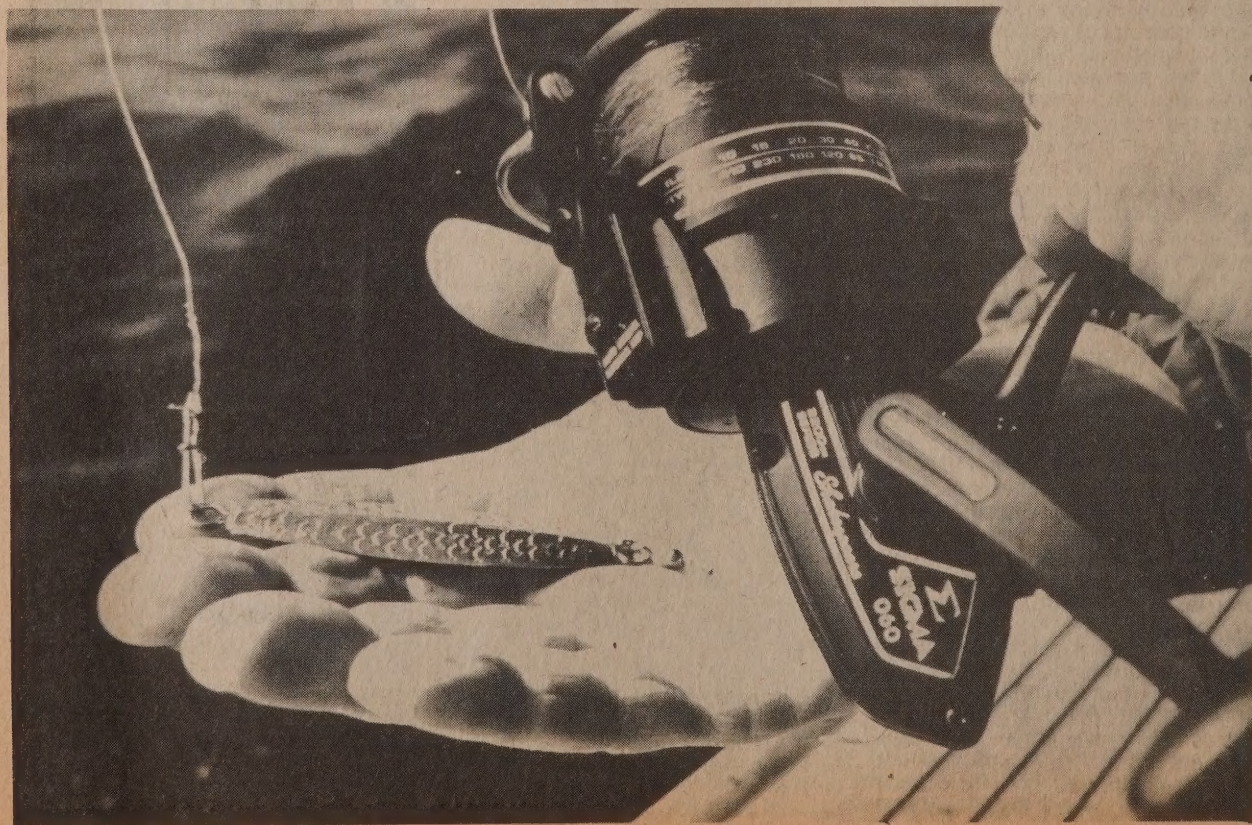
So much for line. Just remember to change line often and make sure you mark each reel so you know what pound test line it holds.

No one has yet discovered a sporty method of catching fish without using some type of terminal tackle. Snaps, swivels, stand-offs and other goodies designed for specific purposes are must-have items for the savvy saltwater (or freshwater) angler. Just buying a few packages of snaps or swivels certainly will not improve our fishing scores. But, having a selection of snaps, swivels and connectors in various sizes and *knowing* how to apply each under differing circumstances will go a long way toward

making you a better fisherman.

Probably one of the most overlooked items is the snap swivel that is used to connect fishing line to rigs or lures. There are hundreds of different sizes, shapes and styles currently being marketed throughout the U.S. Some are built to last and others are mass produced as cheaply as possible. I don't have to tell you which is the superior product. Most everyone knows you get exactly what you pay for. In short, buy quality and you'll get a product that performs as it should.

A lot of today's saltwater fishermen grew up on freshwater lakes and ponds, fishing for a variety of panfish, trout and perhaps some largemouth bass. Guys and gals who use snaps, swivels and sinker connectors of a lower quality can get by when probing the freshwater environment. However, those same items that perform admirably when subjected to freshwater situations can't take the continuous abuse that is a part of fishing for hard fighting game fish that do battle in



the saltwater arena.

Corrosion—you know, that lovely green stuff that appears as if by magic when you forget to wash and oil your tackle after a day at sea—will eat through less costly terminal equipment almost as quickly as Uncle Sam munches on your pay check.

Stainless steel is wonderful stuff. Ball bearings also have proven their worth when applied to equipment that is exposed to saltwater. You won't find quality swivels that are built with stainless steel ball bearings at the bargain counter. They cost more to produce than the regular barrel type swivel and this additional expense must be passed from manufacturer to purchaser.

However, even though you may pay more at the time of purchase, in the long run a quality item will prove less expensive. For openers, it will last longer and will definitely give better service than an inferior product.

Whether or not you are willing to go first class or can get by on coach fare depends on how important it is for you to catch fish. Like most, we enjoy fishing, but if we aren't catching, it can become extremely boring in a hurry. That is why we go the extra step when selecting our terminal equipment.

You might consider the options. Let's say you have just hooked the biggest fish of your life. You've taken time to replace the line, your rod and reel are in perfect working condition and the fish is well hooked. There is no way that lunker can escape if you keep your head and the equipment does not let you down. But, let's suppose, instead of a quality swivel, you are rigged with one that has seen a couple seasons of hard use. It looked all right when you tied it to the end of your line, although you did notice some small pitting around the shaft of the barrel swivel.

As you crank the reel handle to retrieve line, the swivel is supposed to turn freely so no twisting will develop in the line. But, that pitting you noticed has made it impossible for the swivel to turn freely and instead of doing the job, it is now a deterrent because with each turn of the reel handle one more twist is added to the line. Too much twisting weakens line and as the fish makes a run against the drag the line pops like a rifle shot. Your trophy is gone and you're left with an empty feeling that only one who has been there can describe.

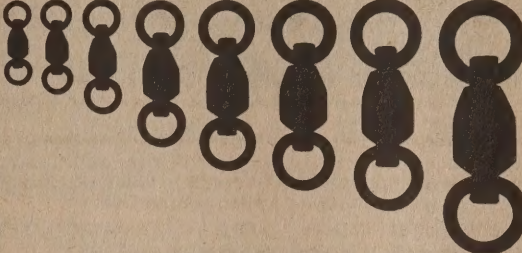
You could have, and should have caught that fish. But, by being penny wise and pound foolish, you blew your chance. We've all been there. Unfortunately, far too many fishermen never learn and will continue to live with the misconception that by buying cheap they are saving money.

Quality is the key factor in purchasing your terminal equipment, but it is not the only consideration. Each species of fish that inhabits the saltwater environment requires a totally different approach. You certainly

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BALL BEARING SWIVELS

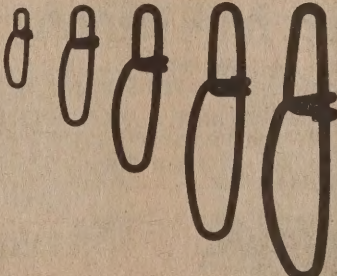
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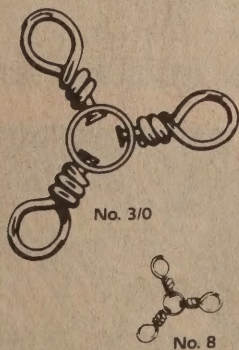
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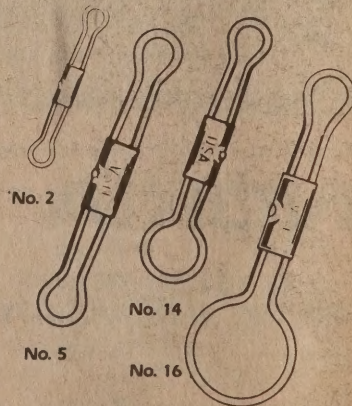
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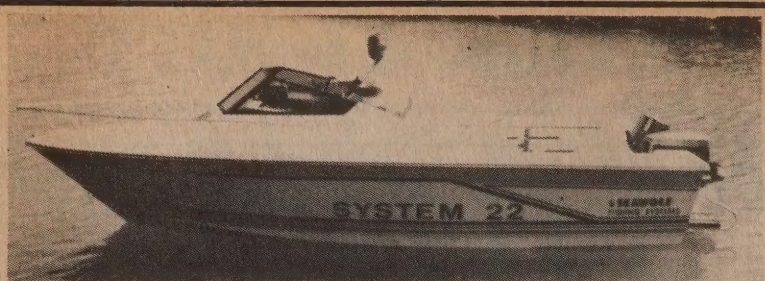
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Knowing, and more importantly, using the correct size swivels can be a crucial factor in determining whether or not you are going to be a member of the select 10 percent who catch 90 percent of the fish. It is a safe bet to say that most fishermen who know what their tackle is capable of are also aware that the terminal hardware they use should be reasonably close as far as breaking strength is concerned.

Common sense should dictate what size snap or swivel you will use when seeking small, mid or large size fish. You certainly do not need a number 10 snap when fishing for small or mid size fish such as weaks, blues or stripers. A number 10 snap tests out at 275 pounds, which is much too heavy for most any inshore situation you are likely to encounter.

We generally use only ball bearing snap or snap swivels when rigging for saltwater. These are designed to turn easily and will not show the effects of prolonged saltwater use as readily as do the models that are built specifically for use in freshwater.

A #1 snap (Berkley Company Cross-Lok, no swivel) has a break strength of approximately 25 pounds. The #3 snap jumps to 75 pound test and a #6 snap will not fail when subjected to more than 125 pounds pressure.

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So much for the major manufacturers. Down to basics. You will find it necessary to carry a wide range of sizes when setting up your tackle box for a variety of different fishing conditions.

Smaller bottom fish including tau-tog, sea bass, porgies (scup), fluke and winter species including whiting (silver hake) or ling (red hake) do not require heavy hardware. For most inshore situations you can get by with snaps or snap and swivel combinations that carry a 25 to 50 pound test rating. What this means, is most any snap, barrel swivel or three way in the smaller sizes will suffice.

It goes without saying, you should select the smallest size possible while still maintaining the necessary strength. Smaller snaps, three ways or barrel swivels are less visible to fish and when using them you should have better results than when rigged with bulky hardware which is easy for the fish to see. This applies also when choosing sinker connecting links, three way swivels or other basic hardware. The smaller the better.

We use Rosco three ways in sizes 6 through 1/0 and will usually have some of their connecting links in #2 through #14 in our tackle box and attached to our lines, when probing inshore waters for fluke, winter flounder and most bottom species.

Your fishing success, or failure is directly dependent on your terminal equipment. Take the time to learn what is available to you and then put your new found knowledge into use to your best advantage.

All of the major tackle companies that are currently producing snaps, swivels, three ways and other terminal type equipment have catalogs listing their products. Most tackle shops will have a store copy of the catalog that you can inspect, or better yet, request a copy from the manufacturer. You may have to pay a buck or two, but consider it money well spent, for the catalogs are a ready source of valuable information and will pay for themselves many times over.

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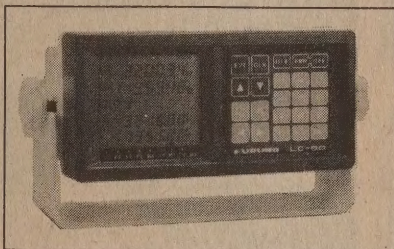
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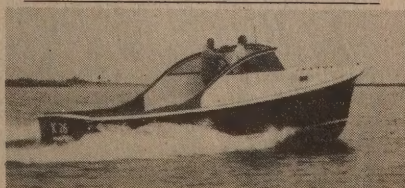
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FISHING BUDDIES

by Lynn David Nathanson

Fathers and daughters have always shared a special rapport—a feeling or sense forming a relationship that often defies description. It's daddy's little girl and she can have him wrapped around her finger from the time she first looks at him with two un-crossed eyes and knows just who this man is. This indefinable feeling can last the duration of their relationship, but sometimes you can plot the course.

My father and I were fishing buddies. It started when I was about five. I can clearly remember being attached to the bars of the railing on

the party fishing boat so I wouldn't fall overboard, and I remember the rod being tied on too so I didn't drop it in the water! I was so small I had to fish **between** the bars; I couldn't reach over the top railing! We began our adventures together on a boat out of Captree Boat Basin called the Jib and stayed with it as it became Jib II and Jib III—I don't remember what number it had reached when we stopped going.

We were buddies. The twinkle in my father's eye and his sense of humor always enhanced and enlarged the "one that got away" and when



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he'd lost a particularly good fish or the mate would accidentally knock one off his line with the net, I'd look at my father and say "Whadidyasay daddy? Whadidyasay?" and he'd reply, "Oh shoot. I said Oh shoot." Sometimes my dad would win the pool and sometimes I would win! I don't ever remember anger between us, on the boat, on the way there, or going home. Maybe a little competition in the fishing department, but I was never a match for him! In those days (35 years ago) the boats used to go out into the ocean to what I can only remember as being called "the nets," where the fluke were so big they were called doormats and replacing the call of "Net! Net!" was the cry for "Gaff! Gaff!" Those were exciting Sundays. And the rougher the water, the better I liked it. This was my "Great Adventure" and the waves were the rides! The captain of the Jib was Henry Rohl, but he was known to his customers and friends as "Henchie."

This man was, in a way, my buddy, too. In my earlier fishing days, especially if the action was slow, my attention span was nil. If I was very lucky, besides a fluke or flounder, someone would bring up a starfish, crab or whelk for me to examine, or I'd riffle through the killies in the bait car when it was pulled onboard during a move. There was always something interesting in there to see! And when my interest turned from that, and I'd forgotten about that "giant" fish I was always about to catch, Henchie was there to welcome me upstairs to the pilot house where I could steer the boat a bit, use his binoculars, or count the saltwater corroded copper-turned-green pennies arrayed on the instrument panel.

The boats grew larger and we grew older and closer. My father was a retailer and worked six long, full days. But, on the seventh, season and weather permitting, he and I were off. We left our Queens home long before sunup and watched it together as it would peek over the trees on the Meadowbrook Parkway toward the Jones Beach causeway. This was country to me and I strained my neck to count the rabbits out foraging for an early morning snack. By the time we arrived at Captree, the sun had fully risen, it was 6:30AM and we were ready for our day's adventure.

In the half hour or so before the boat left the dock, we'd fill up on hot chocolate (even an August morning could be cool) and buttered rolls, always being certain to bring coffee to our captain. We came early because we wanted to get a "good spot" on the boat. The trouble was, the "good spot" was always where we weren't! More fish were always caught on the other side, or on the bow if we were parked at the stern. We never would admit that fishing skill had something to do with it! Location, location, location. Of course, bait played a part, too. If we were using killies, someone else was catching fish on squid; if we had squid, they were using corn or

red sinkers! By ten o'clock in the morning, we'd settled down to fishing and were ready for our salami sandwiches!

What a team we were! My sister and mother had little interest in the sport and so left us to each other. As I turned from little girl to tomboy and then into a young woman, our relationship strengthened and we continued our Sunday drive, although now, I would very often be at the wheel of the car while he checked on the wildlife and sunrise! Sometimes we'd get daring and head for Sheepshead Bay where we'd board a boat headed for the Jersey Shore and mackerel. We'd bring in so many our arms would ache for days. Occasionally, when the business could be closed for a few days, we would travel upstate New York or to Connecticut to a small resort insisting on only one thing: a lake, river or stream! We tried our hand at freshwater fishing and found the change refreshing, the scenery beautiful.

By the time I was twenty, my dad and I shared an apartment, also in Queens. My sister was married and my mother had passed away six years earlier. On an evening in November, he announced it was going to be a nice (if just a little bit cool) Sunday and he was going out on the Jib. Would I come along? I said it was too cold for me and declined the offer. We had a great evening together. There was a closeness we both recognized, with my father telling me how glad he was that I was his daughter and not a son because I had been helpmate and companion, took care of his home for him and he was very happy. We talked of his retiring to Florida where he could fish to his heart's content. The early morning turned out to be too cold for many and the Jib never fished that day. My fishing buddy simply went onto another boat. And he died on that boat—four days before his 66th birthday—painlessly, quickly, perhaps there to spare me the grief of being with him at the time, but more likely because he was where he loved to be more than anywhere else.

One day, when my children were very young, I took them out to Captree to meet the captain of the boat that had been such an important part of my life and who was still a living link to my father. "Is Henchie there?" I asked as I approached yet another numbered Jib. I was now an adult and I could finally call him by that most familiar name. "Oh, no," I was sadly informed. "He's passed on—three months ago." And there was no one to cry to, no one who would understand just what Henchie and his boat represented to me.

We have a fishing boat of our own now and although it is very often a "family affair," father and daughter have that special camaraderie that keeps them ever ready to tackle whatever the day has in store. As a matter of fact, she's a better fisherman than any of us!

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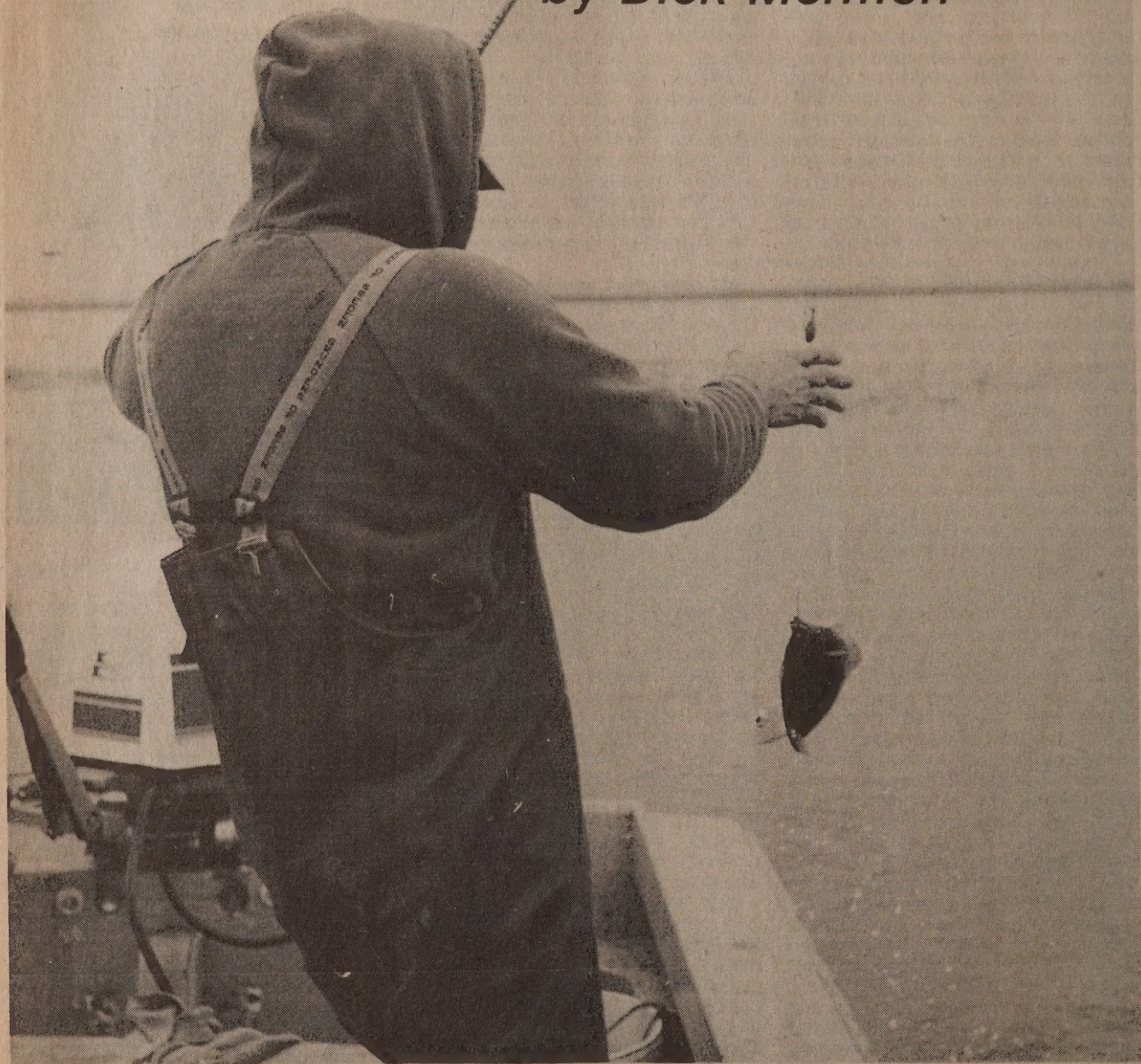
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A TOUCH OF CHARISMA

by Dick Mermon



Years ago, fishermen employed only natural baits when flounder were sought, free of any gaudy trinkets or beads. It was felt that the colorful objects would scare the fish, rather than attract them. To be honest, I believe nobody even considered the addition of anything else, for a piece of seaworm, mussel or clam was sufficient. Then the painted sinker came to light, yellow as a lemon, or red as a stoplight and since it was not attached directly to the bait itself, the vibrant hunk of lead could not

possibly scare the fish, but attract them instead. Maybe there was some merit in the theory, for the scheme was neither proven nor disproven. And so, the colored sinker still retains its popularity for winter flounder.

Soon after the painted weight came about, "dye clams," with their charm and enticing hues of yellow, orange, red and even blue, were tried, all of which were successful to a point. Here again, the question arose as to whether color, aroma, texture, or motion had the most influence

in getting a flounder to take the bait. The colored clam philosophy was now saying that winter blackbacks may be color conscious and the more brilliant a bait is, the greater its attracting power in murky water along the bottom.

Dried, or canned kernel corn, is not a natural bait for flounder, but its yellow hues are considered an attractant and many anglers utilize this concept. Since corn has been found in many a flounder's stomach, it's surmised that color must be the

reason for them to feed upon it. Maybe they mistake it for a piece of clam or mussel? I greatly doubt whether the kernels exude any sensuous aroma or even taste like some natural forage; therefore, it must be the color. Yet, seldom are flounder caught on a corn-baited hook.

Finally, after years of pros and cons about the addition of color to the rig, the hard plastic beads were applied to floundering. The idea was struck upon by an angler who had seen the kernel shaped beads being used in bracelet manufacturing and decided to try them out on a double-hooked flounder spread. This was the convincing factor that flounder are not shy, but become more aggressive to a bait when additional color is tacked on. A bank mussel, twisted onto a plain hook merely has some visual attraction, along with texture and a great deal of aroma. But, if there are brightly colored yellow beads affixed in conjunction, the entire rig presents a more delectable enticement, with more visual appeal.

Several years ago, I began using tiny soft plastic worms for flounder, with little success. The worm was threaded up onto the long-shank hook and allowed to dangle freely. Occasionally an inquisitive flounder did find the artificial worm and taste test it, but the action was stimulated more so when a small section of blood worm, skimmer clam, or bank mussel had been added. The combination together made the difference. Motion, color, texture and fragrance were all there. Recently, the plastic worm was replaced and a tiny Mister Twister Tail in vivid yellow dressed the leadered hook above the eye. The hook itself was baited with a bank mussel and the union produced another stimulation which had never before been considered: vibrations. While the mussel emitted aroma, some color, texture and taste, the Twister Tail dispatched underwater vibrations as well as additional color. Here was a complete system to catch flounder.

Further experimentation led me to believe that the more appeal presented, the better a catch was. And so, another scheme was designed and placed upon the hook's leader above the eye. A brightly colored tail was slid onto the leader, then a combination of plastic kernel corn, spaced with a tiny section of yellow plastic tubing, then another kernel and lastly, another tiny twister. The hook receives the natural bait and you have a rig that is twice as appealing to flounder.

Imagination, with a great deal of trial and error, is what makes fishing and fishermen so successful. What appeals to the human eye may not be accepted by the fish and vice versa. Winter flounder for years have been treated with yesterday's techniques, but some of the modern charms are now being utilized with great success. Natural may be best, but a little bit of charisma never hurt!



The author with a flounder that was inquisitive enough to sample an unadorned plastic worm.



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CANYON SUMMARY

by Capt. Len Belcaro

Offshore Services has prepared this report of the fishing activity correlated with the movements of warm eddies and fingers of the Gulf Stream for the 1986 canyon season. Let's review and analyze, week by week, last year's offshore fishing and compare the action to sea surface temperatures and Gulf Stream movements.

May 19th: A quick glance at the May 19th sea surface temperature chart shows us that our warm surface water we all wait for during the early portion of canyon season does not move in from the south as one would expect. With temperatures no greater than 63 degrees in the southern canyons, a spur from a warm eddy that positioned itself at the Hydrographers Canyon area brought 72 degrees into the Dip and Block Canyon.

The first offshore fishing action of the season took place in this warm spur. Two Long Island boats trolling the area between the Dip and Block Canyon produced 40 yellowfin tuna, several bluefin to 150 lbs. and a 35 lb. wahoo.

A large temperature gradient, formed at the western tip of the spur, provided early season tuna trolling action in the Hudson Canyon.

South of the Hudson, the surface water temperature remained in the low sixties. Offshore fishing throughout this area was non-existent.

June 11th: A long finger of the Gulf Stream encompassed the Washington and the Poorman's Canyon early in the 1986 season. This was the first warm, clean blue water to reach the 100 curve and come within range of our sport fishing vessels in the southern canyons.

Yellowfin tuna to 75 lbs. and beautiful Gulf Stream water throughout the area were reported from June 6th to June 16th.

At that time our finger began moving northeast at approximately 5 miles per day. By June 21st, boats looking for the finger of clean blue water at the Poorman's Canyon found nothing but dirty green water and no fish. By that time, our finger moved into the Wilmington Canyon area.

July 7th: The latter portion of June and the beginning of July was basically uneventful for canyon fishermen from Block to the Norfolk Canyon. The weather nor the Gulf Stream cooperated with the offshore fishermen during this period.

On this July 7th surface temperature chart, a five degree temperature

gradient in the Block Canyon area provided anglers in the area with an excellent tuna trolling bite. Reports of boats returning with numerous bigeye to 277 lbs. and many yellowfin in the 100 lb. class.

Farther south, even though the first white and blue marlin of the season were taken into southern ports, the billfishing remained extremely slow. A glance at the sea temperature chart shows no Gulf Stream interaction in any of our canyon regions. The water quality in these canyons ranged from green to clean, but grayish in color.

With the lack of any substantial temperature gradients and the surface temperature ranging from 68 to a maximum of 73 degrees, fair to slow tuna trolling was reported from the Hudson to the Washington Canyons.

July 9th-July 11th: Reports from Block Canyon fishermen state the large temperature gradient that was in the area the week before began to dissipate. Reports of bigeye to 175 lbs. and yellowfin in the 100 lb. class were received from boats working the Dip to Block Canyon, but the action definitely slowed from last week.

In the Hudson Canyon, the tuna trolling and chunking action was superb. One of the "hottest" catches made this weekend was on July 11th. The "Sea Lore" reported a 3 degree temperature rise to 73 degrees at the mouth of the Hudson. His trolling produced four bigeye—139, 154, 158, 169 lbs.; 3 yellowfin and 8 longfin. He also had a 9/0 reel completely stripped in two minutes flat.

Reports of warm deep blue Gulf Stream water were received from the 105 boats fishing the South Jersey White Marlin Open this week. A glance at the charts will give you the reasons for this insurgence of beautiful billfish water into the area. Billfish water it was! The crew of the "Due Course" fought and lost a blue marlin they estimated at 1000 lbs. at the bite of the Wilmington. They went on to win the tournament with a 447 lb. blue taken the next day at the 1000 fathom curve of the Wilmington. Other blue marlin taken in this area from the Wilmington to the Poorman's Canyon weighed in at 334, 408, 465, and the new Delaware State Record blue marlin that tipped the scales at 820 lbs.

July 16th-July 21st: According to the July 16th surface temperature chart, a large temperature gradient at the Hudson Canyon produced a ban-

ner day for the tuna trollers working this area. With the approach of Warm Eddy "A" shown on the July 21st chart, the surface temperature at the Hudson climbed to 73 to 74 degrees during the latter part of the week. This jump in temperature turned the tuna trolling bite off at the Hudson like a light switch. Trolling for tuna, in general, remained very slow from this weekend till the end of the season.

With the 25 mile advance of Warm Eddy "A" into the Block Canyon area, the first blue marlin action of the season was seen by New York based boats.

That week produced an 869, 312 and the New York State blue marlin record: a 1174 lb. fish. Sightings of blue marlin were on the increase during this week with several anglers fighting and losing big fish.

The surface temperatures at Block Canyon still remained below the magic 74 degree mark. Tuna trolling action was excellent between the Dip and Block Canyon.

Reports of poor tuna trolling because of warm water in the southern canyons were received during this period.

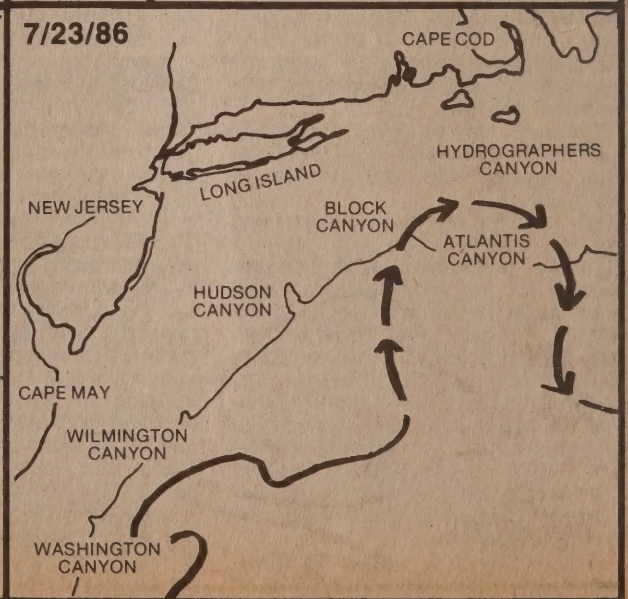
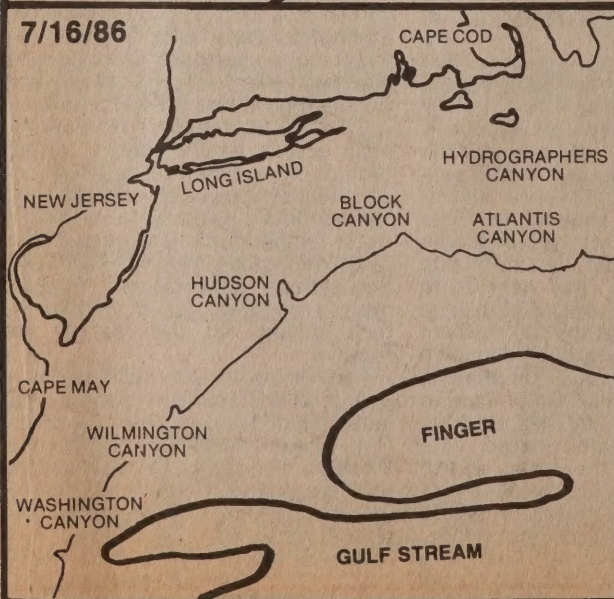
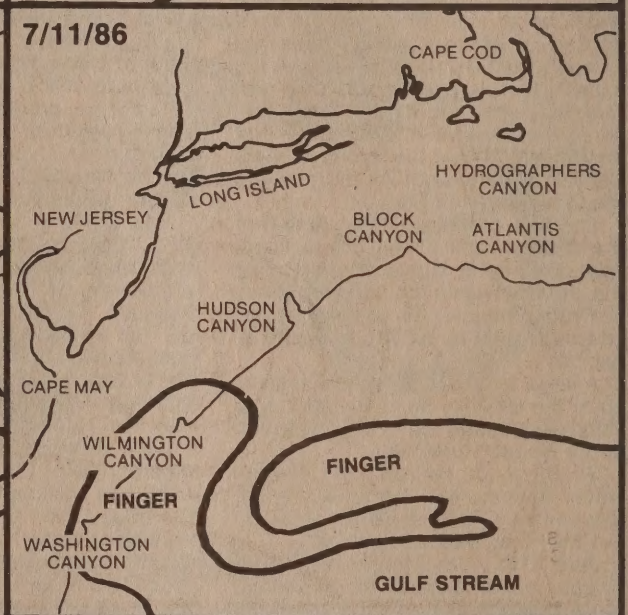
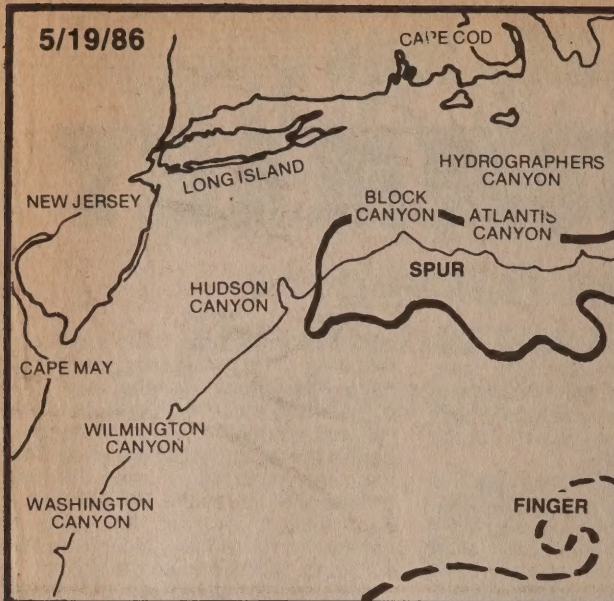
With a finger of the Gulf Stream still basically in the area, as shown on the July 21st chart, several blue marlin were fought in these southern canyons during this weekend.

July 23rd-July 28th: The tuna trolling bite was extremely slow because of the warm water in the Hudson Canyon on July 23rd. The tuna fishermen trolling the Dip to Block Canyon still remained in cool water during the beginning of this week and did very well trolling bigeye and yellowfin tuna.

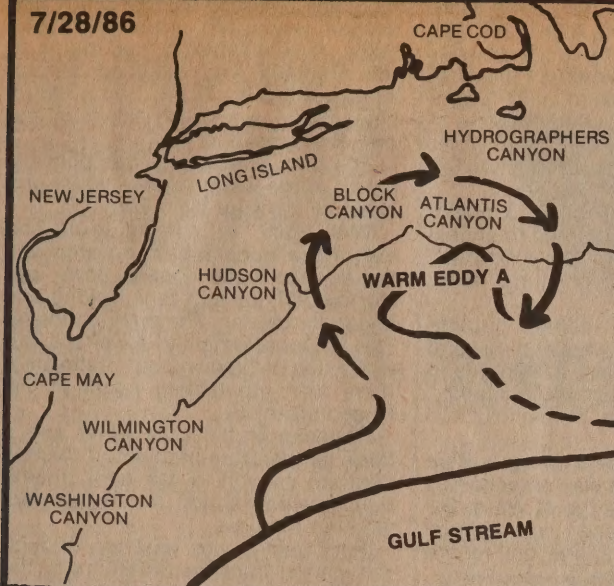
The July 28th surface temperature chart shows us the reason for the turn-off of the tuna trolling bite in the Dip to Block Canyon area. Warm Eddy "A" continued its advance bringing in water temperatures that ranged from 75 to 79 degrees. This weekend, with the surface temperatures climbing over 74 degrees, put an end to the tuna trolling for the rest of the season.

Farther south, July 28th began a period for the southern canyons that lasted till mid-August. The lack of any Gulf Stream purifying interaction in the form of fingers or eddies left the offshore waters from the Spencer to the Washington Canyon green and dirty.

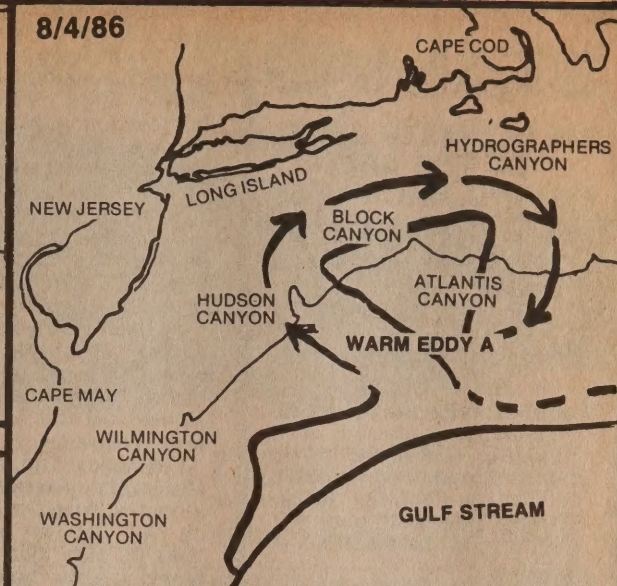
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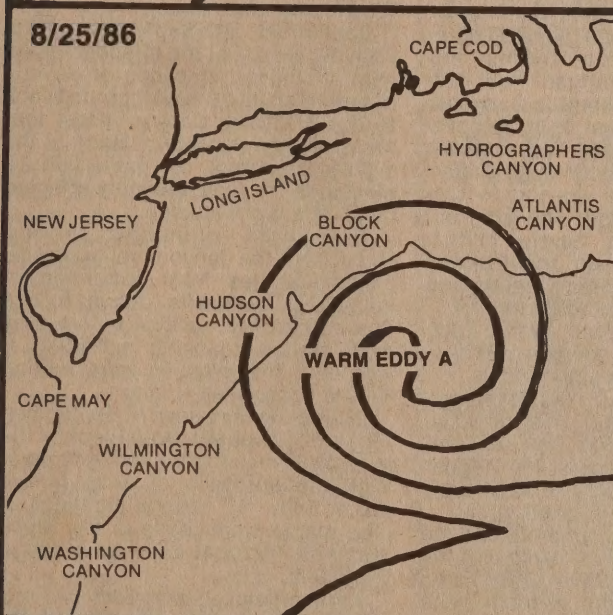
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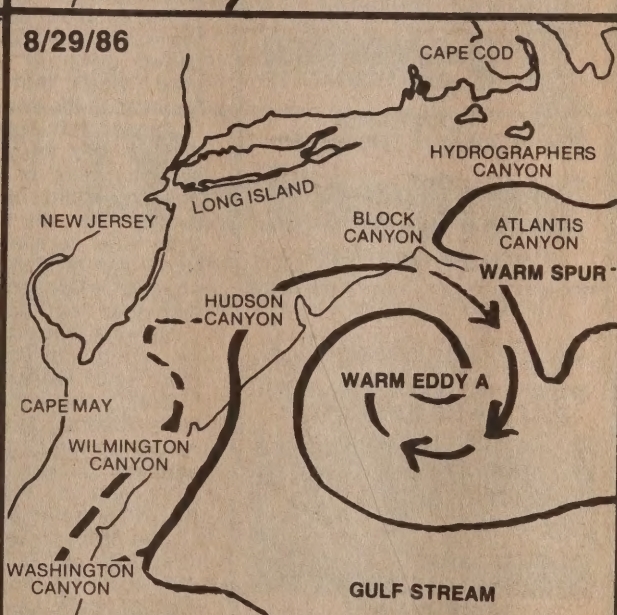
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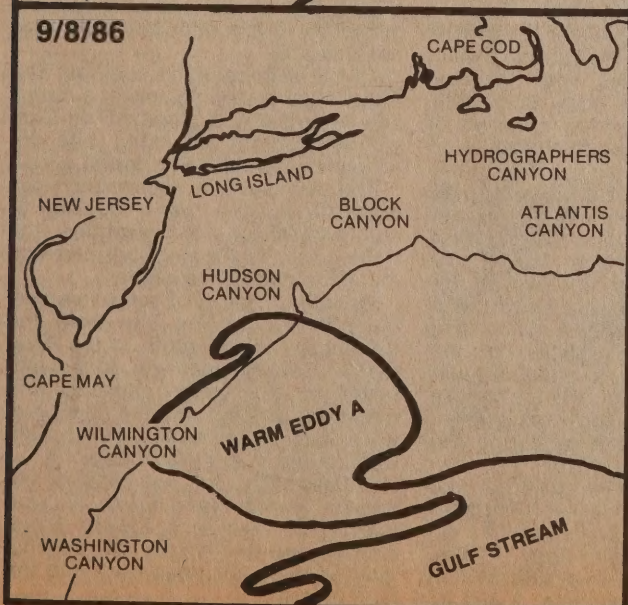
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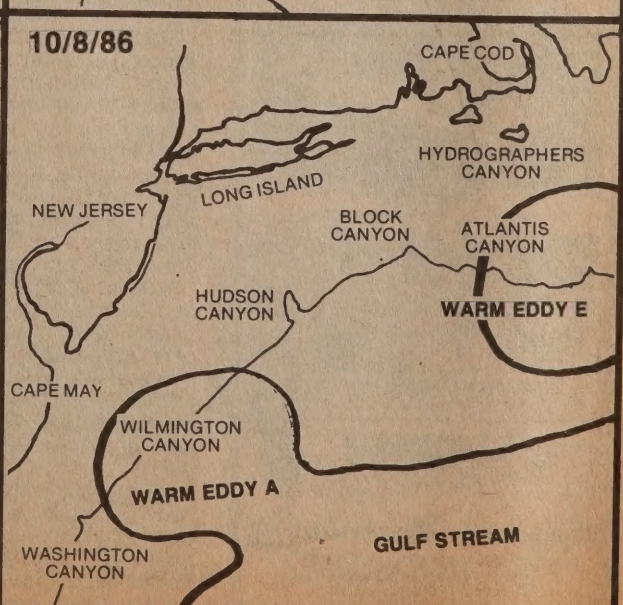
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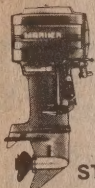
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weekend" from the dip to the Fish-tails in Block Canyon. A 551, 290, 321 and 243 lb. were some of the weights of the blue marlin taken from the area. Several large fish were also fought but lost during this period. Reports of pristine blue, warm Gulf Stream water were received throughout Block to the mouth of the Hudson Canyon.

With the tuna trolling at a stand-still, most fishermen turned to chunking butterfish at night for yellowfins. Excellent catches of tuna were reported.

Hudson Canyon billfish reports were excellent that weekend. Several swordfish were taken at night and reports of numerous white marlin sighted off the bite of the Hudson were received.

On August 2nd, New Jersey's Blue Marlin State Record was smashed by a boat working the edge of Warm Eddy "A." The fish taken was a huge 1046 lb. blue that called our record breaking eddy "home."

The southern canyons, because of the lack of Gulf Stream interaction, reported generally poor fishing and green water that ranged from the Spencer to the Washington Canyons.

August 11th-August 25th: Reports through this period in the northern canyons were of clean blue water. The tuna trolling bite was poor to non-existent, but the night chunking activity was excellent. Several billfish were sighted between the Hudson and Block Canyon. Heavy winds and high seas kept many boats in port.

Nearing August 25th, Warm Eddy "A" continued its southwest movement down the 100 fathom curve.

During the week of the 25th, Harrah's Marina Casino, Atlantic City, held their annual "Fish for Life" tournament. Just a glance at the August 25th chart will tell you in what area the winning fish were taken.

The Spencer Canyon produced the first place 661 lb. blue marlin and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place tuna. Toms Canyon gave up the second place blue marlin—a 375 lb. fish.

Farther south, the water in the Wilmington area began to take on bluish clean characteristics with the approach of our warm eddy. Some billfish activity was reported in the Wilmington Canyon during this week.

The reports of fishing activity at the Baltimore Canyon were of a slow pick and reports of poor fishing in the Poorman's and Washington Canyon areas were still being received.

August 29th: The narrative on the above surface temperature chart really isn't needed. A glance at the temperatures and the location of the spurs of eddy water and temperature gradients will tell you the location of the fishing activity and what species was active in that area during the period.

"Blue marlin stories were hot and heavy," I reported between the Dip to Block Canyon. A warm spur of 74 degree water from Warm Eddy "E" produced a good weekend with billfish for the New York anglers. A 450 lb.

blue was released east of Block and several swordfish were reportedly taken. A boat raised 5 blue marlin in the Fishtails and released several whites. A 343 lb., 293 lb. and a 448 lb. blue marlin were also taken in the area that weekend.

The tuna trolling bite was poor because of the warm surface water provided by the spur from Eddy "E."

With Eddy "A" moving south and out of the Hudson Canyon area and the surface water cooling down into the low 70s, a slight tuna trolling bite began to develop. The night chunking bite for tuna remained excellent, but with Eddy "A" moving out of the area, there were no billfish taken in the Hudson Canyon.

Because of the cool water and a large temperature gradient at the Wilmington canyon, a fair tuna trolling bite provided action for the anglers working the area.

Poor fishing was reported through this period from the Baltimore to the Washington Canyons.

September 8th-September 29th: With 99 percent of the offshore fishermen chunking thousands of pounds of butterfish into the water from Block to the Baltimore Canyon, I feel that somehow the delicate balance of the surface predators, our game fish we all search for, was definitely affected by all this night feeding.

The night chunking reports throughout the canyons remained excellent. Stories from fishermen of schools of yellowfin drawn to the boats upon their arrival before they even started chunking butterfish. It was as if the yellowfin were waiting for the supper bell to ring.

During the first week of September, tuna trolling reports from Block to the Hudson Canyon remained very poor. With the approach of a spur from Warm Eddy "E," several sightings of blue marlin were made in the Block area and one boat released a fish in the 700 lb. class.

Farther south, Warm Eddy "A" produced several white marlin but the billfishing in this eddy began to slow considerably.

Our September 22nd copy of "The Edge" reports trolling was at a stand-still from Block to Washington Canyon. The night chunking bite for yellowfin was still going "great guns."

The last week in September, even with the surface water cooling to comfortable tuna temperatures, the trolling bite in the northern canyons still remained non-existent.

Reports received of some improvement in the trolling bite from the Baltimore Canyon south to the Poorman's. Several yellowfin tuna were taken in the upper canyons and numerous dolphin and the new Delaware State Record wahoo, a 94 lb. fish, was boated in our Warm Eddy "A."

October 8th: Our last chart of the season shows Warm Eddy "E" was making an approach toward Block Canyon and Warm Eddy "A" was beginning to be absorbed back into the Gulf Stream.

The weather during this period was horrendous. Boats reporting high winds and heavy seas brought the canyon fishing to a near standstill.

The hearty souls who did venture offshore in October mainly night chunked butterfish for yellowfin tuna. Reports of the night chunking remained excellent till the end of November.

Several longliners working a huge temperature gradient created by Warm Eddy "G" during the latter portion of November in the Hydrographers Canyon area, had made excellent catches. The two catches reported were of 32,000 lbs. and 30,000 lbs. of assorted yellowfin, swordfish and bigeye tuna.

In Summation: During the 1985 season, three warm eddies moved through our canyon areas. The first eddy reached Block Canyon the second week of June. That eddy produced the first blue marlin of the season. The fish was taken in the Fishtails of Block Canyon.

Our 1986 season produced only one warm eddy that passed down the 100 fathom curve. This eddy was stalled in the Hydrographers Canyon area and continued its westward movement the third week of July. Prior to this time, no blue marlin were taken from any of the northern canyon areas. With the advance of this eddy toward Block Canyon, three blue marlin were taken within a one week time period.

Warm Eddy "A" smashed two states record for blue marlin and a one state record for wahoo. It also produced the winning 1st and 2nd place blue marlin and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place tuna in the Harrah's Marina Casino's "Fish for Life" tournament. The New York based "Capt. Bill's" Tournament was won by a blue marlin also taken from our record breaking, prize winning eddy.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place blue marlin in the South Jersey White Marlin Open and a new state record blue marlin were taken from a finger of the Gulf Stream that reached out and touched the 100 fathom curve.

The tuna trolling bite slowed to a near standstill as the warm surface temperatures traveled up the coast. The approach of our warm Eddy "A," containing its warm surface water, also switched off the tuna trolling bite. Once the tuna were driven deep by the warm uncomfortable water, they never really returned to the surface to provide us with an end of season trolling bite.

Warm Eddy "A" stalled in the Hudson area for a period of time. The northern canyons experienced clean blue water for most of the season because of this eddy's purifying interaction. Farther south, because of the lack of eddies or fingers of the Gulf Stream, the southern canyons experienced dirty green water and poor fishing.

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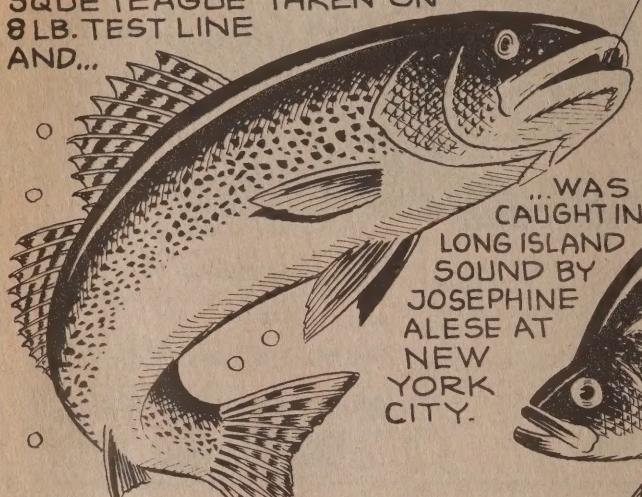
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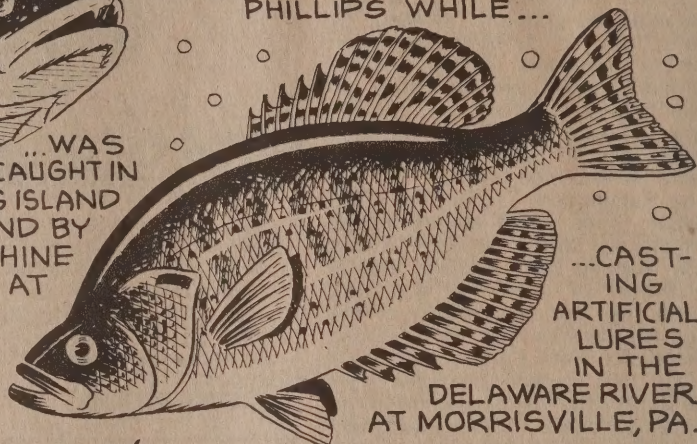
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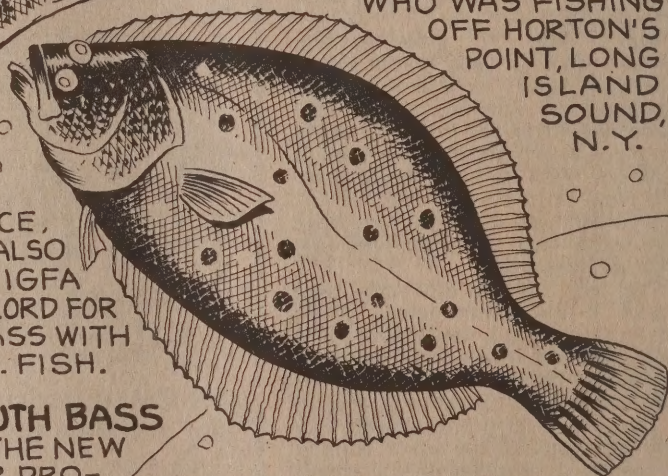
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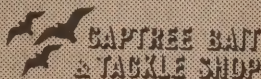
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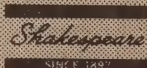
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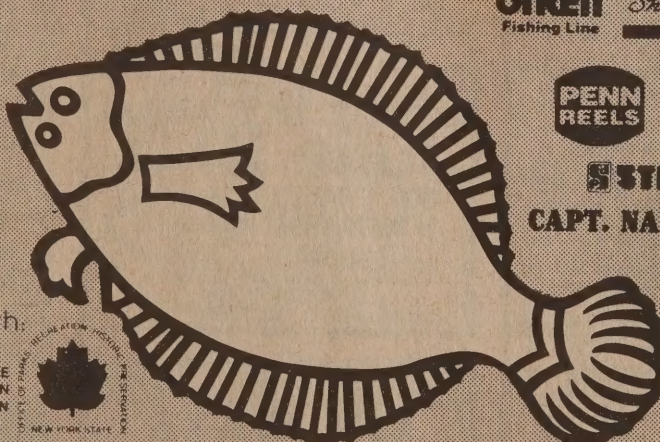


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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

South fork flounder catches last week showed signs of a nice spring run, until blustery winds with snow squalls and cold temperatures put a temporary halt to the hoped for weekend blitz. Despite this setback, most anglers feel that the fish are on schedule, ready to bite when the sun comes out and the winds abate. On the bright side are reports of very good catches of cod, both on diamond jigs and on bait at traditional spring spots off Block Island and local Montauk waters.

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Captain John DeMaio, with his friend Tony Petrone, tried a brief exploratory trip on the charter boat "Vivienne" last Friday, fishing local early spring cod spots. The brief fishing trip produced fifty cod, which were caught both on bait and diamond jigs. Captain John remarked that while many of the cod were small, several weighed ten to fifteen pounds back at the Montauk Marine Basin.

Montauk marinas were a hub of activity this past weekend, with many captains readying their craft for an expected good cod season. Captain Mike Albronda of the Montauk will sail the first weekend in April, expressing high expectations for a good spring cod run. The appearance of the schools of cod which just moved into the area usually indicates good jigging action.

At Star Island Yacht Club, Marty commented on the good catches of cod of various sizes, with many over thirty pounds brought in by commercial fishermen (setliners) at the end of the week. Marina charter boats such as the Lori Jay and the "Gemini" are ready to do a number on these fish. A youngster braved the winds on Sunday, trying for flounder in the deep hole off the gas dock, while his dad worked on the family boat, the "Skimmer". Unfortunately, flounder apparently hid out from the cold winds, but the young man deserves an "A" for his efforts.

Joan, at Captain's Cove Marina stated that most captains were "thinking spring" while polishing and painting, putting the finishing touches on their boats for the cod run. The Ebb Tide, Joy Sea, Mistress Too, My Mate, Misty and Windy are among the charter boats making their first spring trips this weekend or next. Call the marina or individual boat for

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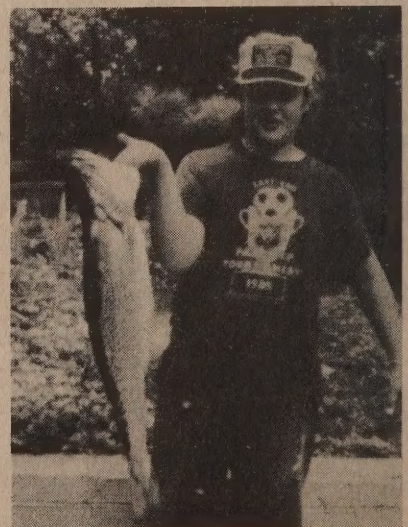
charter information.

While Long Islanders suffered the effects of brisk winds on the weekend, those who joined Captain Forsberg on the **Viking Starship** on Friday's Valley of the Giants cod trip were met with flat calm seas for Saturday's fishing, with winds under five mph. Approximately 1,500 cod were caught by thirty-five anglers, many of whom quit fishing early Sunday morning, having caught enough cod. Robert Hubbard of Queens took first pool with a forty-one pound cod. Tony Fernadec caught forty-nine cod, including a thirty-nine pounder which won second pool money. Hank Lachner quit after sixty-three cod. Tony Sergio and George Ferck returned to College Point with 128 cod, including one of thirty-eight pounds. Captain Forsberg claimed that jigs with tubes produced many double headers, and bait, with a "secret lure", worked pretty well also. Fish sizes were better than last trip, averaging eight to twelve pounds.

Captain Forsberg was joined on this trip by his two grandsons, four year old Carl (who caught three cod) and six year old Drew who reeled up fifteen cod, including three double headers. Video tape of the youngsters fishing techniques will be featured on L.I. Fishing with Lorry Mangan during April (Channel 55-TV, Fridays at 7:30 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 am)

Check **Viking** ad for next scheduled overnight cod trips. Please note that April 10th trip is sold out. Local (Montauk, Block Island and Cox's Ledge) trips have been scheduled this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with sailing time of 4:00 am, fare of \$40. Reservations are a necessity.

Captain Michael Potts advised us that the **Bluefin I** and **Bluefin IV** will



Twelve-year-old Kevin Ceglowski shows his first weakfish, a 13 pounder caught in Peconic Bay last season. Kevin fished out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk.

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Water temperatures at the Shinnecock Canal was 41 degrees according to an enterprising angler who tied a thermometer onto his fishing line on Thursday. Fish were in a biting mood that day since most anglers caught anywhere from two to twelve fat flounder during the lock closing.

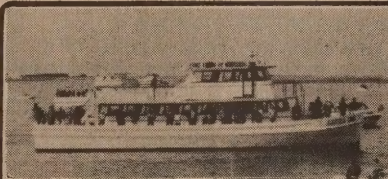
By the weekend, smaller flatties were noted by Canal anglers who reported back to **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**. Tom did have reports of decent catches from West Neck in Speonk Bay, Redwood Creek in Sag Harbor, and Heady Creek, both from shore and by boat.

Joe Corr reported that when the usual standby spot at the Golf Course in the Quogue Canal was super slow on Sunday morning, his marina customers headed for Heady Creek and lucked out. Bill Hichak, with Bill Junior, Richie and Tony Ramondi, counted a total of twelve fine flounder, most at or over the two pound mark. The crew on the "Haleakala", Dee, Joe and Hal, boasted fifteen flatties. Both boats are berthed at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton**.

Anglers in search of cod this week tried open bottom off Shinnecock but only located a mess of dogfish with some conger eels, according to Jim Taylor at **Blue Water Tackle** in **Hampton Bays**.

Chrissie, at **Three Aces Fishing**

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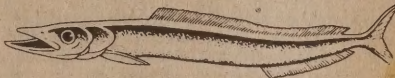
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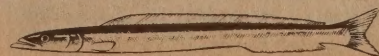
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Huntington angler, Lou Tinto and his friends found picky fishing Saturday west of Buoy 54 off Westhampton, however they did keep a dozen fish, averaging just under a pound each.



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South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Rain, snow and blustery winds combined to dim the hopes of many flounder faithful this past weekend. A lot of people felt this would be the weekend that flounder fishing would break wide open but the fishing couldn't overcome the continued cold and near gale force winds on Sunday. An encouraging forecast for this week is setting the stage for a good week-

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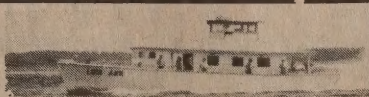
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end.

Despite the weather, there were some decent catches of flatties made by those able to hide from the wind. Best scores came from the western bays, generally from Copiague Hole to Massapequa Cove with Squaw Island being particularly productive. At the other end of our reporting area, the Quogue Canal continued to surrender some good catches of fish to diligent anglers.

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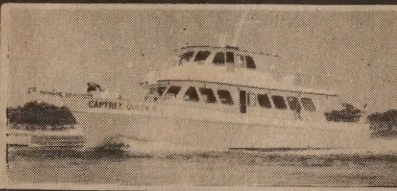
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George Kideris reported that **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** will be ready to go with boats and bait for the weekend. He has not heard of much doing in the open bay as of yet but expects this week's mild weather should spur some local action for the weekend.

Gary Grunseich over at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches** said that most of his boats trekked to the Quogue Canal where they made some good catches despite poor conditions on the weekend. Fishing was done from Buoy 54 near the 1st Bridge, east to the 2nd Bridge. Most keepers ranged from ¾ to 1½ pounds. On Saturday, John, Rich and Chris Hegmann with Mike Bagnati and Al Farrell put away 65 flatties in the Canal. They used worms and mussels and mussel and clam chum. Gary was encouraged by the first showing of flatties in the bay during the week. These are all big fish located between buoys 43 and 45 but weekend weather conditions kept boats from testing this area any further.

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Over at **J & J Tackle in Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that the local dock scene remains quiet. Wind hurt the local flounder action for boatmen though there were some decent catches of flatties made between Davis Park and Barrett Beach last week. This area should remain the best bet for the next couple of weeks. His only weekend reports came from the Quogue Canal. On Saturday, Joe Mack and two friends worked the old Buoy 7A area and finished with 35 keepers. Same day, Lou Paparo and his 10-year-old son Chris drilled 16 flounder to a pound and a half from a Quogue shore spot on mussels and worms.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center in Oakdale** also spoke of some pretty decent catches of flatties out at the Quogue Canal but added that flounder fishing was quiet locally. "Just too much wind for the private boats in the open bay," according to Al.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** put in a call via the marine operator just prior to our going to press Monday morning. After a very poor weekend, despite a nice pick late Sunday afternoon, Neil spoke of red hot action underway as we spoke in the same area south of Patchogue. He noted that the fish being caught were of mixed sizes and included many males which had been relatively absent from the catches prior to this week. He was

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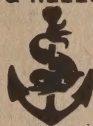
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Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** was one of the few skippers who managed a pretty fair weekend despite the poor conditions. While Charlie did say he worked the east bay, he was not specific about his location. On Saturday, 20 fares accounted for 175 flatties. All were nice fish in the 3/4 to 2 pound range with just a couple of throwbacks mixed in. Bob Pace led the way with 18 fish, Roger Clemens had 14 and Steve and Jim Williams teamed to take 19. On Sunday, with just 10 fares aboard, the catch came to 130 flatties. Bob Pace added another 19 fish to the freezer. He was topped by Charles Anderson who finished up with 24. Virginia Kilgore counted 17 for her efforts.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** noted a gradual improvement in the flounder action during the week with Friday the best day. Ten fares counted over 100 flatties on the boat with Bill Simon accounting for a dozen including a 2.1 pound pool fish. Same day, the Avignone family, Louis, Rosemarie, James and Danielle totaled 21 flatties. On the weekend, the skippered labelled Saturday as slow and Sunday a tough pick in gale winds. Saturday did produce a 2.7 pound pool fish for Samantha Meszaros as well as a number of other fish in the 2 pound range. Carl has been working the east bay in the vicinity of Barrett Beach.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Leitch**, said that a small crowd on Saturday accounted for approximately 80 flatties. Fred De-Castrel led the way with 16 fish. Jerry Barber, of Bethpage counted 14 fish including the pool winner. All of the fish have been nice size with many ranging between 1 to 1 1/2 pounds. Fishing is being done in the East Bay south of Patchogue. Sunday was a tough day with very strong winds severely hampering the fishing.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin said that he thought flounder fishing continued to improve this week, particularly to the west with the Copiague Hole and Squaw Island each producing some

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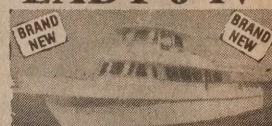
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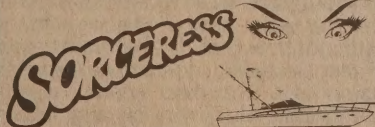
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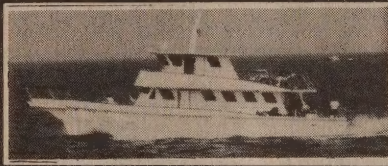
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nice catches. Ray Nituno of the charter boat *Cindy Ann* settled behind Squaw Island on Saturday and finished up with 40 flatties. Locally, clambers continue to take some fish on the flats. One guy had 10 during the week. Also, a youngster stopped to show a pair of flatties taken from the Village Dock on Sunday.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat *Miss Babylon* said that his fares continue to pick away in the State Channel west of the Babylon Cut with Wednesday producing 60 flatties, for 10 fares. Joe Lang had 13 of them.

Jimmy Schaefer of *Charlie's Bait and Tackle* in Lindenhurst spoke of some decent flounder fishing in the western holes. He named Copiague Hole and Squaw Island as two good bets. Also some fish in the State Channel at Gilgo and the East-West Channel in Lindenhurst. Jimmy Wright and Bill Biscardi worked the Gilgo area on Sunday and finished up with 25 flounder. Rob and Jim Anderson and Mark Mathes worked the Lindenhurst Channel on Sunday and finished up with only 9 flounder but 3 were over the 2 pound mark with 1 tipping the scales at 2½ pounds. Worms, mussels and clams all seem

to be accounting for fish but chumming is vital. A few flounder being picked from the Oak Beach shore by the beach bound crowd.

Over in *Amity Harbor*, Bob Vitale of *Bob's Bait and Tackle* said that Squaw Island has been producing steady catches of flounder. Not a lot of guys out fishing on the weekend due to the weather but those that did, managed to do okay. Bob Rose teamed with Fred Walters on the Reel Affair and the two counted 25 to 30 flatties on Friday and again on Saturday. They worked Squaw Island. The Copiague Hole has produced a pick of fish this week with some flatties also reported from the Bergen Point area.

From *Edelman's Sporting Goods* in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera said that the weekend's poor weather kept activity down to a minimum; however, he had heard during the course of the week of some good catches of flatties made at Squaw Island as well as a couple of decent scores made at Copiague Hole, Fox Creek and Massapequa Cove. A few boats did pretty well at Squaw Island on the weekend despite the weather and wind. Mike Nugent of the Bay Village Inn found

some nice fish at the Copiague Hole during the week.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

There was a noticeable improvement in the flounder action this week, although catches were still spotty and on the low side. The water is beginning to reach the point that drives flounder into spring feeding spectacles. We have many reports this week of good to very good catches, which are indicative of a lot more fish coming alive. Soft baits have, of course, been prime and all moving water has been producing catches. It's a matter of heavy chumming in the right areas this past week and with some warm days strung to-

gether, the season should really explode suddenly.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We hear from Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** in Seaford that most of his rental skiffs this past week had their best catches at Massapequa Cove and Four Corners, mainly on the weekend. Four pals gathered up 50 flatties with another boat bagging roughly 20. Heavy chum was important with both tides catching and results in the shoal areas were best.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** classified the week's flattie fishing as poor to fair. His customers had their best action on the east side of Massapequa Cove and at Four Corners, 4 to 10 fish a boat, with sizes mixed to 1 1/4 lbs., best at the high and at the first of the ebb on Mussels. John Duckboat bagged 37 flounder to 1 3/4 lbs. at Four corners on mussels.

We learn from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore that customers had some starting flounder activity at Fundy and Swift Creek over the weekend. Worms and mussels and a lot of chum seemed to get the fish going.

Once again from **Garon's Tackle** in Merrick we hear of the local kids catching flounder from the bulkhead at the south end of Merrick Avenue. Gary also had news of the BOCES area of Baldwin Bay as an early warm spot, along with some fish being picked in Rowboat Alley.

Over in Freeport, Captain Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou V and VI** told of a fair to good week of flounder fishing. The all day boat had high hooks in the 20s. Friday saw Tom Mistretta of Floral Park with 25 flatties. On the half day boat, high hooks were in the teens and went up to 2 lbs. Mike expects the action to pick up tremendously as the water temperatures rise. The recent party celebrating the arrival of the brand new **CL VI** had a turnout of about 400 people and went on into the wee hours of Saturday morning.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** advised that on Friday, a group from the NY Athletic Club aboard the Norsemen had good floundering with all aboard catching, and mostly keepers, all in local waters. Bob said that the **Super Spray** will be starting up their two half-day flounder trip schedules around the beginning of April, probably by the first weekend. Call to be sure.

Over in Point Lookout, word from the wheelhouse is that the **Captain Al** will resume sailing Saturday for big flounder, and will be working some of skipper Al Lindroth's flounder honey holes.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** this past week Monday and Tuesday were poor due to the cold weather and

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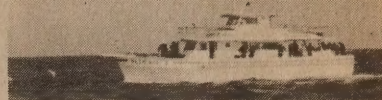
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Over in Jamaica Bay, Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports that off the north and south channel bridges, the flounder catches have been fair to good. Two pals had 17 flounder in three hours one day. Most fish are running 1 to 1½ lbs. with any moving tide working with mussels and bloodworms on the hook.

Captain Al Coley of the Betty W. IV had some fair catches of ling Saturday mixed with some whiting. Sunday's offshore wreck trip for cod and pollock saw a fair number of fish taken by fares with the pool winner a 25 lb. pollock.

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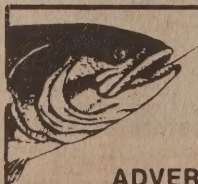
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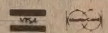
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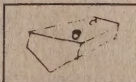
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proceeded to reel in his first flattie of
the season.

Jack Rumpf at Jack's Bait on City
Island will have some boats in the
water in a week if the weather is
favorable, but that's a big "if" right
now. Best local spot is currently the
Orchard Beach lagoon.

John Cacciola at the Glen Cove
Sport Shop is currently at a crucial
stage in the effort to gain legal access
for fishermen at the area beaches. As
soon as title searches are completed
this week, papers will be filed in the
State Supreme Court; then, following
a court ruling, the State of New York
should finally decree that the water-
line property of the beaches is owned
by the state. The Fishermen's De-
fense Fund, 189 Forest Avenue, Glen
Cove, NY 11542, can use help in the
form of tax free contributions. Call
John Palmieri on OR 6-7120 for more
details.

A call to Dominic Cerbone yielded
information about the weekend
whereabouts of the City Island party
craft over the weekend. Both the
Apache and th North Star were up in
Oyster Bay, fishing in areas worked
during the week by the Oyster
dredges. Saturday saw most fares
take 15 to 20 fish in large sizes from
3/4 to well over a pound.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar at Huntington Prop ex-
plained that Duck Harbor produced 10
very good fish for Carl McRitten last
weekend. The best fish were 14
inches. Other flatfishing areas off
Duck Island were also probed by early
boats, according to George Valentine
at Four Winds, with quite a few 1/2 to
3/4 pound fish for the fortunate
flounder pounders. Tom Bowman at
Bowman's in Northport cautioned
anglers to believe only half of what
they hear. Catches often ran 6 fish for

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every two hours of numb-fingered angling, according to Bowman. However, he did record a take of 30 flounder off Lloyd's two weeks ago.

Word has it that the **Ever Ready** will be sailing for mixed flounder and tautog sometime after May 1st. Captain Artie Tubertini expects to begin with a charter around April 26th. From the first April weekend on, John Alberda's **Sound Charters TJ** will be sailing with 4 person charters from Huntington, as well.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** described a lean weekend with very

few flounder, but with 38-40 degree water temperatures at the surface, this was not surprising. Cash tried 15 spots in depths to 30 feet in Conscience Bay, the Narrows and Setauket Harbor. The Ace will be sailing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, this week and will begin daily sailings on April 3rd.

Eilene Fleischman at the **Green-lawn Sport Shop** advised anglers who could not wait for the season to try the power plant plumes for schoolie bass. Al Sturges at the **Complete Angler** had a secondhand rumor of a few fish

off Shoreham and this prompted him to try Stony Brook. No bites. Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai said that 4 boats were fishing Saturday with zero results.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** was busy on rod and reel service and repairs when we found him behind the counter on Friday afternoon. His best report was from the Peconic River

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where a few hardies had pushed the flounder season. One catch of 4 fish was mentioned. This writer also noticed a boat probing the South Race Thursday morning. Phil Loria expects to have the first boats out of **Captain Marty's** next weekend.

Ace Cottral at Port of Egypt's **Pleasures of the Sea** will be providing bait and tackle and expertise after the official April 1st opening. Pete Izzo's **BoAnne II** and Tony Loperfido's **Fish-alot** will have berths in Southold and other boats may be following suit. Cottral tells us that the **North Fork Captains Association** will again be active this year.

Charlie's Mattituck Fishing Station will probably have boats on the Sound in two weeks, according to Maureen Carafitis. Charlie Carafitis spent the weekend fixing the docks.

Richie Jensen will be chartering the **Nancy Ann** out of Orient beginning April 10th. From mid-May until mid-June, Jensen will shift operations to the **Port of Egypt** in order to try the weakfish. Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport figures that most of the charter fleet will be-

gin operations by April 10-April 15. Cool bay water and a late spring make it advisable to push the season back a bit. Water temperature in the shallows off New Suffolk was only 40 degrees on Saturday at time of high tide.

Freshwater REPORT with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater fishing is still pretty sluggish as one might expect for this time of year. With the harsh winds that blew over much of the week, many anglers were kept at bay. Those who did get out, met with mixed results. Carp and trout remain the best bets with bass and pickerel slow and perch just starting to stir.

The big news this week comes from

Gil Bergen, park manager at Connetquot River State Park Preserve, who was happy to report the taking of a sea-run brown trout estimated to weigh between fourteen and fifteen pounds! The huge fish was taken by a Mr. Lawrynenko on a #14 or 16 Hare's Ear pattern. A beautiful looking fish with exceptional girth, the big trout easily bottomed out the only available scale. Other anglers also did well with sea run trout this week and Gil reports that several silver sea runs up to 2.5 pounds were checked in over the past few days.

A call to **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, revealed a few white perch beginning to feed in Doox Pond and carp taking dough or bread baits along the pond on Peninsula Boulevard. For those wishing to give the perch a try, **Beckmann's** now has nightcrawlers and red wigglers in stock.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, Bobby reports carp fishing beginning to break in the Mill Pond. Also a few crappies just starting to feed in the Twin Lakes. Crappie fishermen will be happy to here that the shop now has live killies available.

From Phil at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, we heard confirmation of the good trout fishing at Connetquot Park and learned that anglers are also doing well with the fish at Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek. The latter two locations produced rainbow trout of twenty inches for Al Cross, fifteen to sixteen inches (three) for Harry Reid, and fourteen inches for Mike Cowdell. No news of panfish, perch or bass.

According to John at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, fishing changed little from last week. Still a few bass and pickerel being picked in Lace Mill Pond with a good showing of yellow perch also made on nightcrawler baits. All is quiet in the local tidal creeks. Charlie Mosely had five pickerel and a half dozen crappie from an east end lake on Sunday. All were released.

Paul Ritterger gave us a call early Sunday morning to say that he had a pretty good fishing week. On Tuesday he traveled to Southards Pond where he caught and released five pickerel to twenty-four inches on Rapalas and Rooster Tails. Wednesday saw the sixteen year old nail twenty-five white perch in the six to ten inch range at Argyle Lake. On Friday, it was back to Southard's for the early morning where several young anglers scored well with catfish. Paul then moved hsi fishing back to Argyle where he connected with an eighteen pound carp. The big carp fell for an Italian bread bait and was taken on two pound test line.

Fishing is also beginning to stir in upstate waters. A call to Bill Johnson of **Odyssey Charters** revealed anglers taking small brown trout (two to four pounds) near shore at the warm water discharges and river mouths. Bill expects good fishing to begin in approximately two weeks.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . -0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	5:10	5:40	5:55	6:25	5:45	6:15	6:35	7:05	9:05	9:35	8:30	8:55	4:55	5:20	3/26
FRI.	6:00	6:25	6:50	7:15	6:35	7:00	7:30	7:55	10:00	10:20	9:25	9:45	5:50	6:10	3/27
SAT.	6:50	7:10	7:40	8:00	7:25	7:45	8:20	8:40	10:45	11:05	10:15	10:35	6:35	6:55	3/28
SUN.	7:30	7:50	8:25	8:45	8:10	8:30	9:05	9:20	11:30	11:45	11:00	11:15	7:20	7:40	3/29
MON.	8:10	8:30	9:05	9:25	8:50	9:10	9:50	10:05	—	12:10	11:45	—	8:05	8:20	3/30
TUES.	8:55	9:10	9:50	10:05	9:35	9:55	10:30	10:40	12:25	12:55	12:05	12:25	8:45	9:05	3/31
WED.	9:35	9:50	10:25	10:45	10:20	10:40	11:15	11:30	1:00	1:30	12:40	1:10	9:25	9:50	4/1
THURS.	10:15	10:30	11:05	11:25	11:05	11:20	—	12:05	1:35	2:05	1:25	1:55	10:10	10:35	4/2

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehobeth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00

Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Hered Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Branford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	-0 08
Milford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	-0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point, north side	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	-0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
Davids Island	-0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	-1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/26	5:55	6:18
FRI. 3/27	5:53	6:19
SAT. 3/28	5:51	6:21
SUN. 3/29	5:49	6:22
MON. 3/30	5:47	6:23
TUE. 3/31	5:45	6:24
WED. 4/1	5:44	6:25

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/26	4:35AM	3:05PM
FRI. 3/27	5:00AM	4:15PM
SAT. 3/28	5:25AM	5:30PM
SUN. 3/29	5:50AM	6:40PM
MON. 3/30	6:10AM	7:50PM
TUE. 3/31	6:35AM	8:55PM
WED. 4/1	7:00AM	10:05PM

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Fri.	3:05	9:10	3:20	9:35
Sat.	3:50	9:50	4:00	10:15
Sun.	4:30	10:35	4:45	11:00
Mon.	5:15	11:25	5:35	11:45
Tues.	6:00	—	6:30	12:15
Wed.	6:50	12:40	7:20	1:05
Thurs.	7:40	1:30	8:10	1:55

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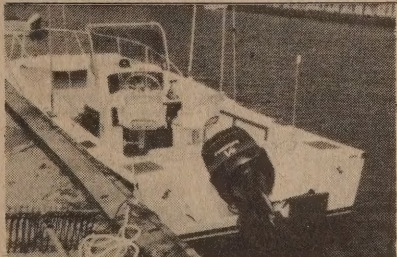
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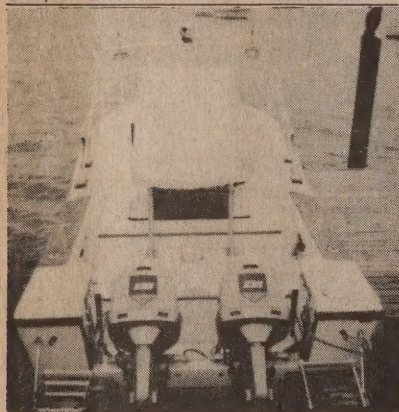
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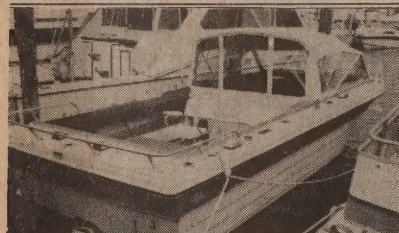
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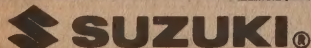
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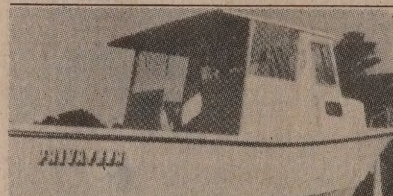
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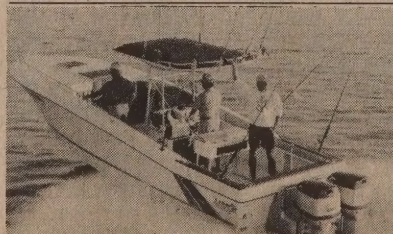
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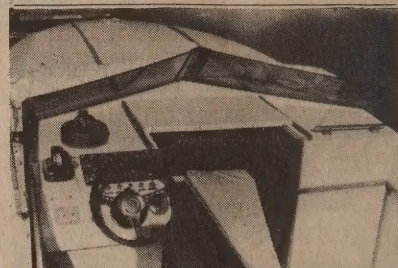


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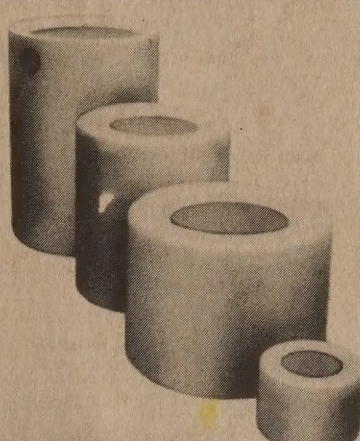
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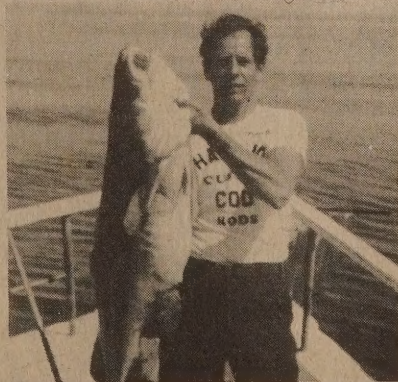
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